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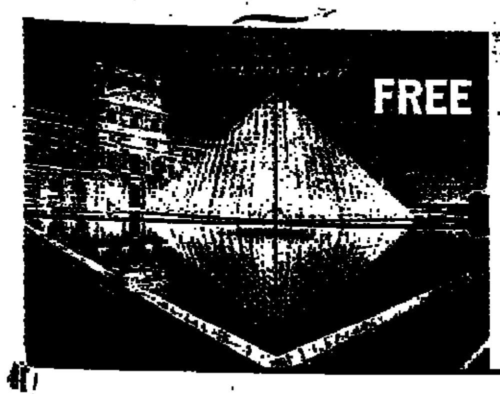

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Standards hearing opens before TV

Minister puts blame on his inexperience

By Philip Webster and Andrew Pierce

DAVID WILLETTS, the Paymaster General and a former government whip, last night blamed his inexperience for leading him into a position in which he had been accused of trying to smother an investigation into the Neil Hamilton cash-for-questions affair.

Denying that he had tried to influence the inquiry he admitted that he had put an "artificial structure" on a conversation he had had with a senior Conservative committee chairman about the investigation.

In a tense appearance before a televised hearing of the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee Mr Willetts expressed regret if his own leaked account of a conversation with the chairman of the now-defunct Members' Interests Select Committee had "inadvertently led to any confusion or misconception as to what actually occurred".

The note of the conversation with Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith was written in his first full week of work as a whip. He told MPs: "It certainly would have been wrong to try to influence him and I did not seek to influence him or put pressure on."

He said that "because I mistakenly assumed that something more was required of me as a whip than simply recording what a colleague said" he had tried "to impose an artifical structure on the conversation" by setting out two possible courses of action Sir Geoffrey's committee might take: either setting the investigation aside because of the *sub judice* rule or carrying it out as quickly as possible.

Willetts: regret if he had caused confusion

However, the handwritten note by Mr Willetts of his conversation suggested that the "good Tory majority" could be exploited in a speedy inquiry.

The hearing had begun with two hours of questioning by MPs of Sir Geoffrey, in which he strenuously denied that he had bowed to improper pressure. He said that he had neither "sought advice nor did I expect anyone to give me advice". And he even suggested that it was "quite probable" that when he had his conversation with Mr Willetts he might not have been aware that Mr Willetts had been appointed a whip.

But Sir Geoffrey said that if he had said anything significant he would have expected it to be reported to the whips' office. If he had wanted to report anything himself to the Chief Whip he would not have used a junior whip.

He said that it was not his job to "rubbish" Mr Willetts's shorthand note. It was, however, inaccurate.

The Labour backbencher John Evans said any "fair-minded rational person" who read Mr Willetts's memorandum would conclude that Sir Geoffrey had sought advice from a "high level within the Government" on how his committee should handle the "potentially devastating" allegations. "Isn't it astonishing that Mr Willetts could have put such a reading onto the conversation that you had when you seemingly cannot recall how he could possibly arrive at that conclusion?"

Sir Geoffrey replied: "Yes, I think it is astonishing and I think you are quite right."

In a memorandum sent to the privileges committee Mr Willetts gave his version of the conversation he had with Sir Geoffrey. He said: "If my note conveyed an impression of a structured discussion, such an impression would be incorrect — it would not properly reflect the true nature of this brief, informal expression of then current concerns on Sir Geoffrey's part.

"However, because I assumed mistakenly that something more was required of me as a whip than simply recording what a colleague said, I sought in the latter part of my note to impose an artificial structure on the conversation by setting out two possible options or courses of action which I thought Sir Geoffrey's committee might take."

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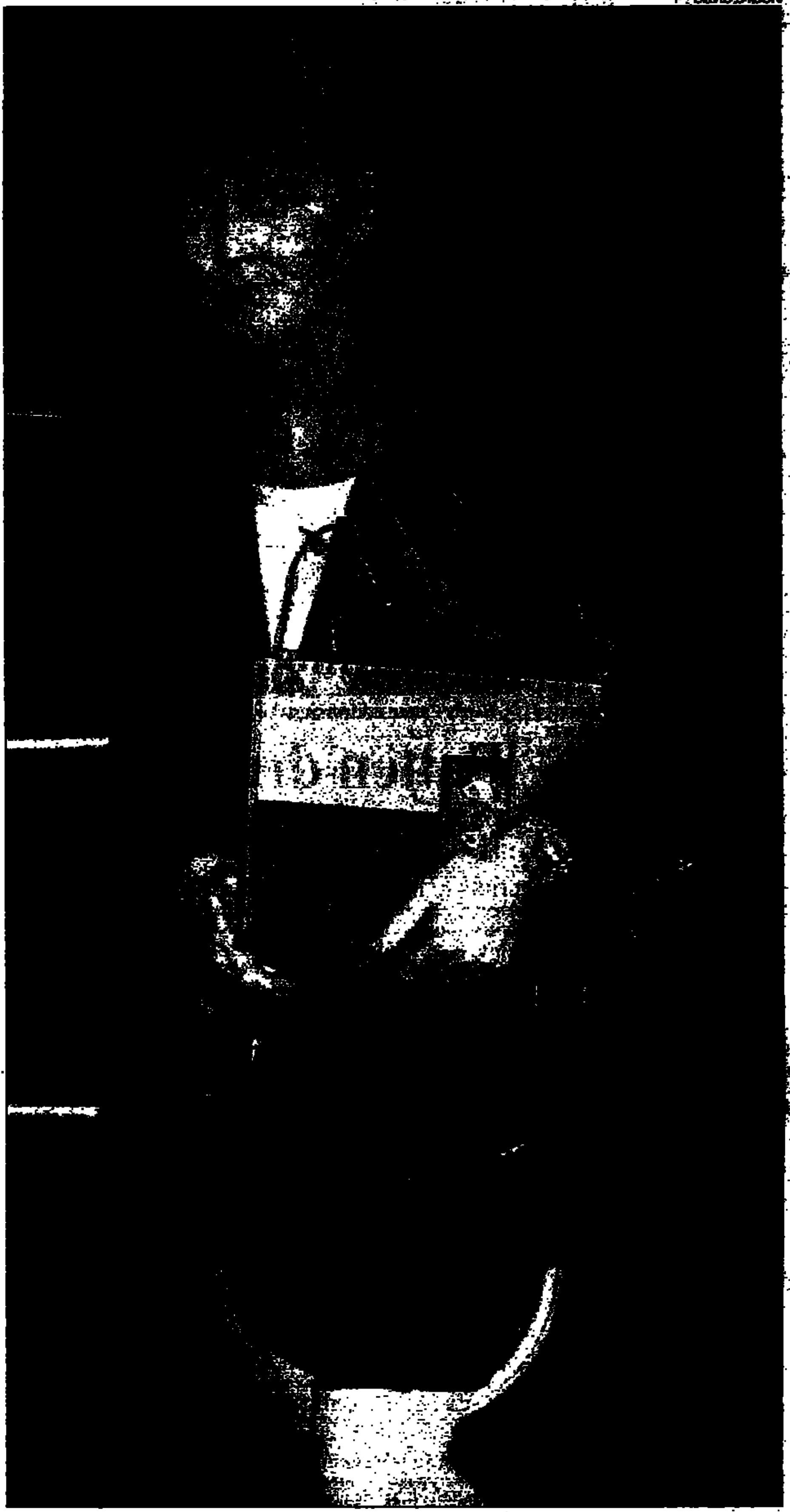

The Duchess of York leaving Heathrow yesterday for Chicago

Jury insists on silence in court as country stops to honour dead

By Daniel McGrory and Frances Gibb

A JURY insisted on observing Armistice Day by holding two minutes silence in court yesterday after a judge questioned whether it was right to interrupt a barrister summing up in a child rape trial.

The jurors joined an estimated 38 million Britons in remembering the country's war dead — far more than the Royal British Legion had expected.

Most schools joined the campaign to commemmorate the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month — when the guns of the First World War fell silent. But the most dramatic pause came at Heathrow Airport where planes turned off their engines.

Typical of the desire to mark the occasion was the jury at Croydon Crown Court. There Judge Filling asked both counsel and the jury whether they wanted to interrupt the closing defence speech. Both the jury and the barrister sent back a message saying: "We want the silence." In a statement later the judge made it clear he had not been against the observance and had only been seeking the views of those involved in the trial.

BBC1 and Radio Two observed the silence, but the rest of the BBC's national radio networks and BBC2 did not. A BBC spokesman said: "We do recognise the call for the two minute silence on November 11, but as a national broadcaster we decided not to impose a silence on all our viewers."

Supermarkets which announced the silence included Asda, Kwik-Save, Morrison's, Sainsbury's and Tesco. Barclays, Lloyds and NatWest and TSB banks also asked customers to observe the silence. Among the major shop chains who observed it were Body Shop, Courts, Curry's, Etam, Great Mills, Littlewoods, MFI, Marks & Spencer, Next, PC World, Sears Group and The Link.

Many firms asked staff to observe the silence including BAT Industries, British Steel, Bulmer HP, Glaxo Wellcome, Guinness, ICI, National Power, Pilkington, PowerGen and Tarmac. But the World Travel Market exhibition at Earls Court did not stop proceedings.

In Liverpool, where life in the city centre continued much as normal, Gerry Scott, a Liberal Democrat councillor, said that in future years the bells of the two cathedrals should be rung as a reminder and flags on all public buildings lowered to half mast.

The Warwickshire town of Bedworth, which claims it is the only British town to have marked Armistice Day for each of the past 50 years, arranged for thousands of poppies to be dropped from a Dakota aircraft.

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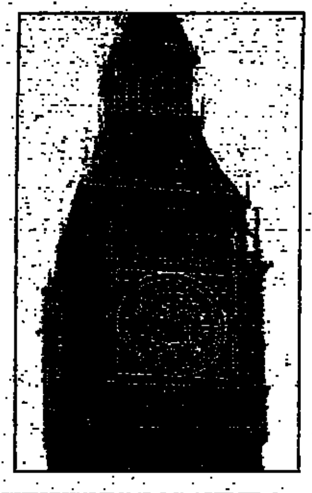

Drink diagnosis cost man a job

An executive, who says he drinks one or two glasses of wine a day, is suing a company doctor for reporting to a prospective employer that he had a drink problem. The job offer was withdrawn.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford advises on how to spot a heavy drinker just by looking at his shape.

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Charity pulls out of Britain

The charity Save the Children is abandoning its direct work with young people in Britain because spending on the National Lottery has caused voluntary donations to fall.

Instead the charity will concentrate on its overseas work..........................Page 2

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Major threatens to use EU veto

By Jill Sherman and Philip Bassett

JOHN MAJOR issued his strongest warning last night that he would block future developments in Europe until other countries agree to his demands to exempt Britain from a 48-hour week.

The Prime Minister made clear in his speech at the Lord Mayor's Banquet that he was prepared to use his veto to scupper the inter-governmental conference on Europe, which concludes in June, unless Britain gets its way.

Today the European Court of Justice is expected to reject Britain's legal challenge to the directive ordering a maximum 48-hour week. But Mr Major said that he would not allow Brussels to jeopardise economic success in Britain. He made clear that if today's judgment goes against Britain, he will seek changes to the Maastricht treaty to ensure that Britain is exempted from implementing the directive.

"There is no case for extra prescriptive legislation from Europe on matters that are now best resolved between employer and employee," he said. "That is why, if the court rules against us, we will require changes in European law to reinforce Britain's protection. Our partners know that we shall insist upon these changes before we can conclude any new agreements at the inter-governmental conference next year."

Downing Street officials made clear that Mr Major was still prepared to discuss "constructively" isuues that other countries were pressing for, but he would not accept any changes unless he won his way on the 48-hour week.

The first test of the new blocking tactics will come at the Dublin summit next month when ministers will draw up the draft for Maastricht II. But treaty changes will not be concluded until the Amsterdam summit next June, after the last possible date for a general election.

Mr Major is expected to press his case at Dublin for a treaty change to ensure that the 48-hour week maximum and any future directives on working conditions are dealt with under social policy issues, from which Britain has an opt-out, rather than under health and safety provisions.

Earlier, Sir Leon Brittan, Vice-President of the European Commission, signalled that European countries might offer a deal on the 48-hours directive if Britain agreed to important extensions of European powers. But, he told the CBI annual conference: "It is important to realise that it is not going to be easy to persuade the other 14 countries to amend the treaty." Unanimity would be needed.

Peter Riddell, page 10

Contrite Duchess wants to leave Britain for US

From Quentin Letts in New York

THE Duchess of York would move to the United States "like a shot" with her children, Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie, she has said in a television interview. She also admits considerable personal failings in her marriage to Prince Andrew and in her dealings with the Royal Family.

In an unusually candid interview on American television — to be broadcast in the United States tomorrow night — the Duchess says she has been "a headless chicken for ten years" and that she "hung my own self with my rope" during her marriage.

She not only blames herself but also criticises "the system, the firm, the grey men, the institution" of the Royal Family and court for her public downfall. She presents herself as a troubled, witless woman in search of "answers" and unable to control her extravagance of soul and pocket.

The interview with ABC's Diane Sawyer is the Duchess's first in-depth television discussion about the scandals that have befallen her since her 1986 wedding to the Queen's second son. Edited scripts were given out yesterday. They suggested that while the broadcast will evoke the Prince and Princess of Wales's controversial disclosures to the BBC, the Duchess's interview is longer on self-blame than those efforts, and shorter on antipathy to her former spouse.

Her confirmation of rumours that she would like to live in America no doubt owes much to the steady criticism she has had at home. "Love it over there," she said of America. "If it comes to a point where it works out that I can be abroad with my children, then abroad with my children it will be."

Asked about her relationship with the Duke of York, the Duchess replied: "He's still there by my side; says a lot for him. But I'm there for him, too."

ABC said the Duchess, who has well-publicised financial difficulties, was not paid. The interview was recorded on a single day recently at her house in Britain and has an informal air.

"When I overspend, it tends to be my husband who cries out for help"

While discussing her financial problems, the Duchess confesses that she "just went mad, you know, spent too much".

Miss Sawyer focuses in the interview on rumours about a "suicide watch" said to have been mounted on the Duchess at a low point in her marital troubles. These were "not true at all," the Duchess says.

Asked about the "challenge" of joining the Royal Family, the Duchess replies: "I am sure [others] would have done a much better job because they would have had their wits about them."

Throughout her difficulties, the Duchess has been offered moral and sometimes material support by the Queen. She fears she had let the Queen down. "I think so, I feel so . . . I feel perhaps I let the family down. I'm sure I did."

She does not confirm stories that the crown offered to pay off her debt in exchange for custody of the Princesses, but claims that when those rumours were reported, Princess Beatrice asked: "Mummy, does that mean that you're going to get rid of us".

To this she replied: "The end of the world's got to happen before I . . . anybody touches you . . . we're a team."

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Crumpled Heseltine is eclipsed by a returning star from the east

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

Like some multicoloured calvacade of personalities from recent history, the CBI in Harrogate yesterday offered us Michael Heseltine, Leon Brittan, Chris Patten and Gordon Brown.

Mr Heseltine was first. Even his hair went flat. On the rostrum after breakfast, Heseltine and his keynote speech met as though for the first time. Introduced to his text, he was unimpressed. He became bored with it, confused by it, then seemed to fall out with it as one might with a new acquaintance. But he stuck to it, stumbling irritably through to the end.

For a political sketch writer, a CBI gathering — almost entirely middle-aged, male and suited — is a culture shock. They sit in expressionless rows, these nabobs of industry. When they speak it is as though accustomed to command attention, not earn it. Their speeches, shrouded in cliché, never climax, rather they peter out.

In place of the modern, flag-bedecked party conference stage set, we were confronted by a severe rostrum above which two large video screens were enclosed in bare ash frames of repro-classical design, such as might frame a desk top portrait of a company chairman's daughter, or cat. It was within these frames that the careworn features of a giant Deputy Prime Minister appeared to businessmen. Any connection with the crumpled figure standing at the microphone seemed accidental.

The speech was empty, "benchmarking the world's best" — a fine theme as few had any idea what it meant or any inclination to find out. Another recurring word was "staggering", as in "the effect has been staggering". Hezza looked more jiggered than staggered. Unable to stagger himself, let alone us, he repeated the word at increased volume, tossing his head and causing a tranche of his forelock to break away from the main body and slip over the right ear — but to no other effect.

"Change is never easy," he droned. "We must look forward to the 21st century." He must have written these lines himself: any speechwriter guilty of them would be summarily sacked. What a contrast with Sir Leon Brittan and Christopher Patten. They looked so much more hale and cheery. Exiled (respectively) to Brussels and Hong Kong, these former Tory ministers have left serving Tory ministers to languish here like pictures of Dorian Gray in some damp attic, doing their ageing for them.

Commissioner Brittan offered a fluent and optimistic case for currency union, while Governor Patten showed a political class we had almost forgotten. Elegant, funny and thoughtful; he produced an impassioned defence of free trade and a withering sideswipe at Sir James Goldsmith. He even got the CBI to laugh. Invited as warm up act for Gordon Brown, Patten proved to be the star of the day.

But Mr Brown was good. There was limited interest in the Shadow Chancellor's speech because — a queer but now common form of disrespect — the gist of it had been released to the press over the weekend; and it was a pity he did not know that Anthea Turner no longer presents the lottery draw. But I found him convincing.

I shall always find Brown convincing now I have seen his mother. Photographs and interviews with her in last week's papers suggested such a nice, bright-eyed, honest sounding and spirited woman that, long after the question of her business experience is forgotten, one would take a lot of persuading that Mrs Brown could have a son who was not worthwhile.

Clarke 'as keen as Germans' to keep tight fiscal control

From Charles Bremner in Brussels

KENNETH CLARKE proclaimed himself yesterday to be "as keen as the Germans" on enforcing tough fiscal discipline and ridiculed claims that Britain was about to yield sovereignty over its budgets to the European Union.

The Chancellor acknowledged, however, that Britain would be "pooling its sovereignty" with other EU states if it chose to enter the European Monetary Union. "The whole purpose of EMU envisages some pooling of sovereignty because monetary policy will come under the control of the European Central Bank," he said.

Mr Clarke, taking his usual positive approach to the future euro, was on the defensive over charges from Tory Eurosceptics that British support for a "stability pact" to ensure fiscal virtue among EMU members amounted a further renunciation of national sovereignty to Brussels. Under the pact now emerging, states that borrow too heavily will face heavy near-automatic sanctions, extending to repeatable fines of 0.5 per cent of the state's gross domestic product.

Emphasising one of his standard themes, Mr Clarke said Britain, whether inside or outside EMU, backed the principle of the pact as a means of ensuring fiscal virtue and lower interest rates across Europe. Britain agreed with the principle behind the pact when it signed the Maastricht treaty, he noted.

Mr Clarke joined 12 other finance ministers at a Brussels meeting yesterday in opposing German demands for a precise definition of conditions that would exempt an EMU state from fines. But he insisted: "I am as keen as the Germans to ensure that we do have a stability pact that works." That was vital to "ensure that you don't have interest rates driven up across the euro zone".

Jürgen Stark, the German junior Finance Minister, threatened to hold up agreement on the creation of a new European monetary system and other EMU-related measures if the EU failed to give ground on its demand for a tough stability pact. Germany wants states to be let off the hook only if they run into a sharp recession of at least a 2 per cent drop in GDP over a year. Mr Clarke said the Germans were making an unnecessary fuss over "a tiny footnote point". EU leaders are due to reach final agreement in Dublin next month.

Clarke: denied Britain would lose sovereignty

Mr Clarke dismissed suggestions that a scheme that would bind non-EMU states to report its budget plans to Brussels amounted to any transfer of sovereignty. Britain had been making such reports for the past few years, he noted. The proposed "reinforced convergence programme" merely made compulsory what Britain had been doing voluntarily. Any loss of sovereignty was "no more than the pooling of sovereignty in the Maastricht treaty", he said.

Monetary union did imply some transfer of sovereignty, he acknowledged, but not over budget-making. "The nation state remains completely in control of the level of taxation and public spending," he said. The pact would merely ensure that Governments did not overspend wildly, at a level far beyond policies followed by the Government. "The trigger is far above anything that I would view as desirable for the UK economy."

Ministers said they expect to overcome German objections with a definition of the "temporary and exceptional circumstances" that would win exemption from Maastricht fines. The formula would allow ministers to take political factors into account for states with economic downturns of under 3 per cent. Only The Netherlands yesterday supported Germany's hard line.

BOB COLLIER

Chris Patten addressing the CBI conference yesterday

Patten drops hints of European role

CHRIS PATTEN, the Governor of Hong Kong, told British business leaders yesterday that he could play a lively part in the debate over Europe after the colony is handed to China next summer (Arthur Leathley writes).

Addressing the CBI conference in Harrogate, the former Tory party chairman, a pro-European, said: "One day you may invite me back after my compulsory period of radio silence so I can join you in detonating a few helpful European explosions."

Mr Patten, widely expected to return to British or European politics after the handover, which follows the general election, laughed off speculation that he would still like to lead the party. "It is like asking: 'If your backhand was better and you got more first serves in, would you like to play at Wimbledon?' "

He dismissed suggestions that either Sir Nicholas Scott, in Kensington and Chelsea, or Michael Heseltine, MP for Henley, were keeping seats warm for him.

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Long shifts linked to health and happiness

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Correspondent

PEOPLE who work 12-hour shifts tend to be healthier and happier than those who work eight-hour shifts, according to researchers.

The finding, on the eve of the European Court of Justice's decision on the Government's challenge to a Brussels directive imposing a maximum 48-hour working week, suggests that the sequence and timing of shiftwork are as important as the hours worked.

Professor Simon Folkard, director of the Medical Research Council's body rhythms and shiftwork centre at the University of Wales, who gave evidence to the court on behalf of the Commission, said there was little doubt that working hours and shift patterns damaged health and raised safety worries.

A comparison of two groups of chemical workers who operated a 12-hour and an eight-hour shift system found those on the shorter shifts suffered more heart disease, more disruption to social life, and shorter sleep between working days. The researchers say this was probably because those on the 12-hour shifts had shorter spans of successive workdays and longer spans of rest days. However, those on the eight-hour shift system were more alert when at work.

□ Anthony Fuller, chairman of London brewers Fuller's, told the CBI conference in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, that a minimum wage, which is being proposed by Labour, of £4 an hour could add ten pence to the price of a pint of beer or lead to job losses.

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Ministers fear revolt on gun compensation

Ministers last night tried to avert a Tory revolt in the Commons today over compensation for gun owners. Whips had been warned to expect a rebellion on a vote at the end of the second reading of the Firearms (Amendments) Bill.

The vote authorises compensation to the owners of the 160,000 guns which must be surrendered under proposals arising out of the Dunblane massacre. The 1922 Committee of backbench MPs has warned ministers of serious opposition unless the Government agrees to allow ammunition, accessories, and gun businesses to qualify for compensation. The committee is also demanding that the estimated compensation bill should be increased from £50 million to £500 million.

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'Soviet-style' crime Bill

Lord Ackner, a former law lord, strongly criticised the Government for causing tensions with judges by failing to protect their independence. Delivering the John Stuart Mill Institute lecture in London, he said the Crime Bill, which contains the Home Secretary's tougher sentencing proposals, was on a par with the former Soviet Union telling judges what sentence to impose.

Election neutrality plans

Plans to ensure the neutrality of civil servants in the run-up to the election include their withdrawal from the Government's daily presentation meeting and having the Cabinet committee minutes taken more often by political aides. In the Commons, Michael Heseltine, the deputy Prime Minister, rejected Labour accusations that he was subverting the impartiality of the Civil Service.

Oxford seeks fresh field

Oxford University is to seek an alternative site for a £40 million business school. The university council agreed yesterday to call for a postal vote following last week's refusal by Congregation, the dons' parliament, to approve the University Club ground as a site. The ballot will be delayed until the New Year, to give time for other possibilities to be examined.

Rethink on BSE study

Government scientists may have been wrong when they decided that cows infected with BSE can pass the disease to unborn calves. Dr Danny Matthews, a veterinary adviser at the Agriculture Ministry, said that the findings announced in August were open to other interpretations, which included the possibility of no maternal transmission at all.

BBC licence campaign

The Government will be urged today to back calls by the BBC for an increase in the licence fee when the pressure group the Voice of the Listener and Viewer launches its Fair Fee For Broadcasting campaign in the Lords. The paper recommends that the fee should rise to safeguard the future of the BBC.

Lawton cap for funeral

One of Tommy Lawton's England caps, sold to repay debts when he fell on hard times, will be returned for his funeral on Wednesday. After a national appeal on Radio 5 Live, a collector from Kent offered to lend the family a cap the centre forward won against Holland in the 1940s for the funeral at Bramcote Crematorium, Nottinghamshire.

Major can never win on hours, Brussels says

From Charles Bremner
in Brussels

EUROPEAN officials are confident that Britain is picking a fight which it cannot win if it takes an all-out stand today against an unfavourable court verdict on working hours.

The European Court of Justice is expected to reject a challenge by the Government against the 1993 Working Time Directive, which sets a maximum 48-hour week and minimum rest periods and paid holidays throughout the EU. In increasingly strident terms, John Major has promised to fight the directive at negotiations to revise the Maastricht treaty. The Government argues that the measure was wrongly enacted by majority vote as a health and safety measure, and breaches Britain's exemption from the Social Chapter.

Britain's fight is raising passions because the Continental social model is under heavy pressure from the global market and the imperative of meeting the austere budget conditions for Monetary Union. Privately, politicians and officials acknowledge that Britain's drive to deregulate economic life has proved its worth, but there is a consensus that Mr Major is picking the wrong battlefield. For a start, Britain's conduct has been erratic. In negotiations that long predated the birth of the Social Chapter, it won exemptions from its partners on the understanding that accepted the directive as inevitable. The view was reinforced when Britain abstained at the Council of Ministers rather than voting against the measure. Thanks to British negotiators, the directive was heavily diluted. Anyone who wishes will be able to work for more than 48 hours per week. Big sections of the workforce are not covered, including transport staff and hospital doctors.

Padraig Flynn, the Social Affairs Commissioner, is to propose ending most of the exemptions if the court finds against Britain. The TUC backs his plans. The Government has hinted that it could revisit its tactics over the the BSE beef ban and refuse to cooperate in discussing other EU reforms until given assurances over the directive. This could mean Britain isolating itself further from its EU partners at the summit in Dublin on December 13.

The EU timetable means that British cooperation is not essential until the final stages of the intergovernmental conference next spring. Other states could wait for a change of government after the April elections. Commission officials pointed out that the inter-governmental conference had no power to strike down existing treaties, unless a new treaty created the right and a further conference was launched.

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Falling donations force charity to stop British projects

By Shirley English

SAVE the Children is abandoning direct work with young people in Britain because of a big drop in donations.

The charity will halt about 70 projects over the next two years. Its only role in Britain will be to research issues involving children and to advise other organisations.

Save the Children's voluntary donations fell by almost a quarter from £41 million in 1994-95 to £32 million in 1995-96. Its total income, including grants, dropped from £92 million to £78 million. Last December, in response to "significant pressure" from the National Lottery and increased competition from other organisations, it announced a £9 million budget cut.

About half of the savings have been made in the £60 million overseas programme. The British and overseas departments have been merged with the loss of about 500 jobs. About £1 million has already been shaved off the £14 million British and Europe budget, which represents 17 per cent of total spending, but there is still £1.5 million to be saved by April 1998.

All of the charity's fundraising is in Britain although the majority is spent abroad. A spokeswoman for the charity, which is headed by the Princess Royal, said yesterday: "We are unusual because we work both at home and overseas, and have done for many years. We regard the two as equally important." The spokeswoman added that although the overseas budget looked large in comparison to Britain, it covered more than 50 countries.

Efforts are being made to find other organisations to take over the community projects. Another possibility is that individual schemes may become registered charities in their own right.

Judy Lister, regional director, said: "With such a reduced base, we have had to look very carefully at how we can achieve maximum impact with such a small budget. We can no longer afford to be a service provider, but we are looking at ways of keeping those services going in another form."

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Neighbour admits manslaughter of 18-year-old whose body was found outside airbase

Student's woman friend 'killed her for sexual buzz'

By Michael Horsnell

A YOUNG woman was stabbed to death in a country lane by a female friend who had a sexual interest in women, a court was told yesterday.

The body of Rachael Lean was found with her buttocks exposed in September last year in undergrowth near her home at Buxton, Norfolk. Her killer, Maria Hnatiuk, 29, was said to have had a particular interest in women's buttocks.

Hnatiuk, whose family live in Bristol but who had been living next door to Miss Lean shortly before the killing, has admitted manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility, but denies murder. The prosecution refuses to accept her plea and maintains that she is guilty of murder.

Miss Lean lived with her father, Peter, an RAF technician, near RAF Coltishall and was a popular outgoing woman on the threshold of a university career. She met Hnatiuk while training at the airbase gym, Norwich Crown Court was told.

On September 5 Miss Lean went to the gym before returning home, where she wrote a letter saying that she was going out to meet a friend. The prosecution says that friend was Hnatiuk. The two women were allegedly seen by several witnesses as they took the track "apparently leading nowhere" by the side of the RAF camp. Hnatiuk was later seen squatting in a telephone box at the nearby village of Lamas, apparently distressed and red in the face.

Miss Lean was left dying from multiple wounds near the base's perimeter fence. When her body was found, concealed in undergrowth five days after she disappeared last September, her leggings had been pulled down.

Hnatiuk may have had a sexual motive for the killing, the jury was told. David Stokes, QC, for the prosecution, said: "She is a clever, calculating liar. However abnormal her personality, or odd, or however sexually perverted, her responsibility for this crime was not substantially impaired.

"She used her own initiative to obtain a sexual buzz from a variety of activities. There is no suggestion that Rachael was interested in sexual activities with other women, but the pulling down of the leggings may indicate this defendant may have had some sort of sexual motive for killing Rachael." He added: "The evidence shows a wicked, calculating woman who killed a woman not only younger than her but on the threshold of her life [and] who trusted her."

Miss Lean was waiting to take up a place at Southampton University in the month she was killed.

Her killer, who, like her, enjoyed keeping fit, lived with her boyfriend, Ian Wells. The court was told that the couple had a stormy relationship with frequent noisy rows, "which ended with Hnatiuk walking out of their house in bare feet".

She was devoted to him and appeared heavily under his influence, while he exhibited possessiveness and jealousy towards her former boyfriends. Mr Stokes said: "There was a time when he was keen for her to bring back other women for sexual activities. She had sexual feelings towards other women and was not averse to that."

The jury of six men and six women was told that they would be shown draft letters of an explicit nature written by Hnatiuk, some of which had been recovered by police from a pond into which she had thrown them, as well as jottings which indicated "a considerable interest in women's buttocks".

She and her partner also drew up "bizarre so-called contracts" in which the defendant promised never to speak to other men. "They are as pathetic as they are ridiculous, but they demonstrate a complex relationship," Mr Stokes said. "People thought them a very odd couple."

After their relationship ended, Hnatiuk moved to temporary bed and breakfast accommodation next door to Miss Lean and, by this time, the two women had formed a friendship. Shortly before the killing, she was living rough after being shunned by Mr Wells's mother.

Mr Stokes said Hnatiuk had gone to stay with her mother in Bristol the day after Miss Lean disappeared. He described her as a "very cool customer". She had initially denied the killing and told police that she had cut her hands in a fall.

Miss Lean was supposed to meet her mother that evening and the alert was raised after she failed to appear. After her body was found forensic scientists concluded she had suffered "a frenzied knife attack involving stab wounds to both the front and back of her body and both arms".

Mr Stokes said that, as an accomplished liar, Hnatiuk had falsely accused a well known disc jockey of raping her in a hotel in Japan and launched civil proceedings. On another occasion she had wrongfully accused two airmen from RAF Coltishall of indecently assaulting her and in April 1995 started a fire at a former boyfriend's house by pouring petrol through the door at night.

The trial continues.

Rachael Lean, who was about to go to university, and her killer, Maria Hnatiuk. She denies murder

Battle to save sailor trapped in hull

By Jonathan Prynn
Transport Correspondent

HOPES that a sailor trapped in the hull of a capsized tug off the East Anglia coast could be rescued alive were fading last night after the boat sank during attempts to right it.

Rescuers had been fighting since early afternoon to save the seaman after knocking was heard inside the Rotterdam-registered vessel, the *Beaver*. The 190-tonne tug had been working on improvements to sea defences near Great Yarmouth on behalf of Anglia Water when it capsized with two crew members on board. Coastguards put out a mayday message to all shipping in the area and a Royal Navy minesweeper, the *HMS Dulverton*, answered the call, offering the services of a diving crew.

The divers, who were flown out by helicopter from Wattisham in Suffolk, were unable to open hatches and enter the the boat to rescue the sailor because of the pressure of the water against the upside down deck. Attempts to free the man by cutting into the hull with acetylene torches had to be abandoned because of the risk of explosion.

A later plan to right the boat using a heavy marine crane from a dredger moored alongside proved unsuccessful and the tug sank in about 15 metres of water.

The Dutch sailor had been unable to escape from the boat as it turned over but was thought to have been kept alive in an air pocket in an accommodation cabin. But the tapping from the hull stopped after about two hours, raising fears that the man may have lost consciousness or died.

The other man on board the *Beaver* jumped to safety and was rescued by a passing tug. He was treated for cold and shock. A Dutch salvage team was attempting to raise the tug from the sea bed last night.

In the mid Atlantic, a flotilla of rescue boats was last night on its way to the aid of a British sailor, Michael Dunkerly, and his French crewman after their yacht floundered in heavy seas and storm-force winds.

Cinema owner 'dressed to terrify and murdered for fun'

By Joanna Bale

A CINEMA owner accused of murdering four men with a combat knife was a violent and predatory sadist who dressed in black to terrify his victims, a court was told yesterday.

Peter Moore, 50, was "the man in black — with black clothes, black thoughts and the blackest of deeds". Alex Carlile, QC, for the prosecution, said. Moore, of Kinmel Bay, Aberconwy and Colwyn, is charged with murdering Tony Davis, 40, Keith Randles, 49, Henry Roberts, 56, and Edward Carthy, 28, in four separate attacks last winter.

Mr Carlile told the jury at Mold Crown Court, Flintshire, that by day, Moore gave the impression of being an unremarkable businessman with a chain of cinemas in North Wales called the Focus Group. But by night he became a sadist who killed for pleasure.

Moore was a homosexual who lived alone since the death of his mother in May 1994. The men he killed were complete strangers, none of whom had done anything to annoy or aggravate him. Mr Carlile said: "As he told the police himself, this defendant can only be described as a violent and predatory sadist." Mr Carlile said Moore killed his first victim with a combat knife bought from a gun shop in Rhyl for £25. He used it to stab a retired railwayman, Mr Roberts, who lived on his own near Caergeiliog, Anglesey, on Moore's route home from his cinema in Holyhead, which he would visit late at night once or twice a week.

Mr Roberts's body was found lying face down outside his house, his trousers round his ankles and a stab wound to each buttock. There were 14 further stab wounds to the front and 13 to the back of the body.

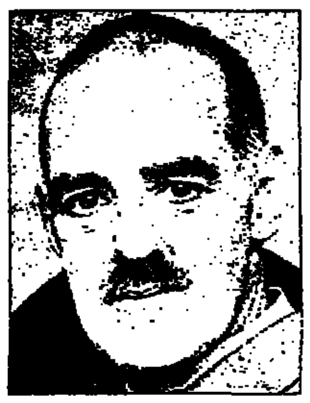
Mr Carlile said that by an "extraordinary coincidence" Mr Roberts shared Moore's interest in Nazi paraphernalia and had a swastika flag, which police later found in Moore's home. The knife was found in a van Moore had hired.

Mr Carlile claimed Moore made a detailed confession and referred to other killings and attacks dating back to the 1970s, while he was in Llandudno police station in December last year. Mr Carlile said: "Then came these terrifying words — 'I don't feel any remorse whatsoever for what I've done'." Moore was said to have added that the killing "relieved pressure on him".

Moore's second victim, Mr Randles, was found by construction workers at Mona, Anglesey, lying dead on his back. He had been staying overnight in a caravan on the site, where he was in charge of security. Mr Carlile said it appeared that Mr Randles had fought for his life, but died of repeated stab wounds. A watch, a video cassette recorder and a mobile telephone were stolen, and later found in Moore's possession, he said.

Mr Carlile said Moore told police he saw yellow flashes in his eyes when he was about to kill someone or was killing somebody. "But there is no evidence at all of a psychiatric nature in this case," he said. "There is no question of insanity. There is no question of diminished responsibility."

The trial continues.



Moore: wore black

College head helps to run pub while on sick leave

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

THE head of one of England's largest colleges, who has been absent for six weeks suffering a stress-related illness, has been helping a female colleague to run a pub in Wales.

Neil Preston, chief executive, of the 21,000-student Stoke on Trent College, and Helen Chandler, an assistant director, have been on sick leave since September 25 and 24 respectively.

A college spokeswoman said that Mr Preston, 46, whose salary package is worth £90,000 a year, and Mrs Chandler were receiving full pay, having submitted further sick notes yesterday from doctors who diagnosed stress-related illness. But *The Times* has learnt that they have been working at the Dymock Arms in Penley, Clwyd.

Wrexham Maelor and Berwyn Magistrates' Court granted Mrs Chandler a temporary licence to run the pub on November. She and Mr Preston began renovating the large oak-beamed pub after their arrival about three months ago.

Mr Preston's three years at Stoke, the eighth-largest further education college, have been dogged by controversy. He and Mrs Chandler are under investigation by a special governors' committee after a series of staff complaints. Natfhe, the lecturers' union, published a survey of 125 members in July claiming that Mr Preston's management style was "dictatorial and bullying". College management dismissed the survey as "hardly representative" of Stoke's 1,500 staff.

The Natfhe survey was followed by one of 203 Unison staff, which found that 97 per cent lacked confidence in the management and 64 per cent said that they had suffered harassment or bullying.

News of Mrs Chandler's alternative employment comes at a time of financial difficulty for the college. It has been seeking urgent voluntary redundancies after receiving £3.4 million less than requested from the Further Education Funding Council for its annual budget.

Mr Preston was formerly principal at Amersham & Wycombe College, Buckinghamshire, where Mrs Chandler was his deputy. He was criticised when he left Amersham & Wycombe in 1993 for appointing Mrs Chandler as acting principal in his place, without properly consulting the governors. She joined Stoke on Trent college as assistant director in charge of marketing in June 1994.

There was no sign of Mr Preston or Mrs Chandler at the pub yesterday. Mrs Chandler works behind the bar on Saturday and Sunday evenings, and has boasted to customers that in 12 weeks she had trebled the turnover.

Caroline Highland, a spokeswoman for Stoke college, said that they were still full-time employees. "We have received further sick notes for Neil Preston and Helen Chandler covering a period of two months."

Neil Preston, 46, is separated from his wife, Christine, with whom he has four children. He studied hotel and catering management at Surrey University and ran a hotel from 1978 to 1981. He was appointed head of food and service industries at the College of Arts and Technology at Newcastle upon Tyne before becoming vice-principal at Lowestoft College, Suffolk, from where he moved to principal at Amersham & Wycombe College in 1988.

Preston: on sick leave since September 25

Lecturer says student made life a misery

By Richard Duce

A WOMAN student stalked her university lecturer for 18 months after falsely accusing him of sexual harassment, the High Court was told yesterday. Life became a misery for Dr Robert Fine, a senior lecturer in sociology at Warwick University.

Ashley Underwood, for Dr Fine, said that on scores of occasions Eileen McLardy stood silently outside his home and peered at him through the windows. His car was either damaged or stolen five times during what a "vendetta" that also involved break-ins at his home and his university office.

Dr Fine, 50, is seeking an injunction preventing Mrs McLardy, a mature student, from molesting or harassing him at work, or going within 30 yards of his home. He is also seeking damages against her. Documents placed before the court claim that on 134 separate occasions Mrs McLardy, 50, a mother of three from Coventry, carried out a vendetta against Dr Fine.

Dr Fine told the court he had had words with Mrs McLardy after she insulted a student. "The following week she asked to come to my room and there she accused me of sexually harassing her." She vowed to destroy him.

The case continues.

Ex-owner 'harassed' house buyers

By Joanna Bale

A MAN whose cottage was repossessed launched a frightening campaign against the couple who bought it, a court was told yesterday. The new owners, a whisky executive and his wife, were forced to move house twice in two years to try to escape the attention of Stephen McDougall, who said they owed him £35,000, it was claimed at Dumbarton Sheriff Court.

Kevin and Samantha Ayre, both 35, said that they ultimately had to leave Scotland for the South of England, and Mr Ayre had to quit as manpower services director for Allied Distillers in Strathclyde. Mr McDougall, 42, of Bearsden, Glasgow, denies causing a breach of the peace and placing the couple in fear for their safety. He was said to have harassed them, made inquiries into the private affairs of Mr Ayre, pretended to Mrs Ayre that he was a tax inspector and questioned her about financial affairs, and attempted to induce a postman to supply details of their home. He also allegedly hired a private detective to spy on them.

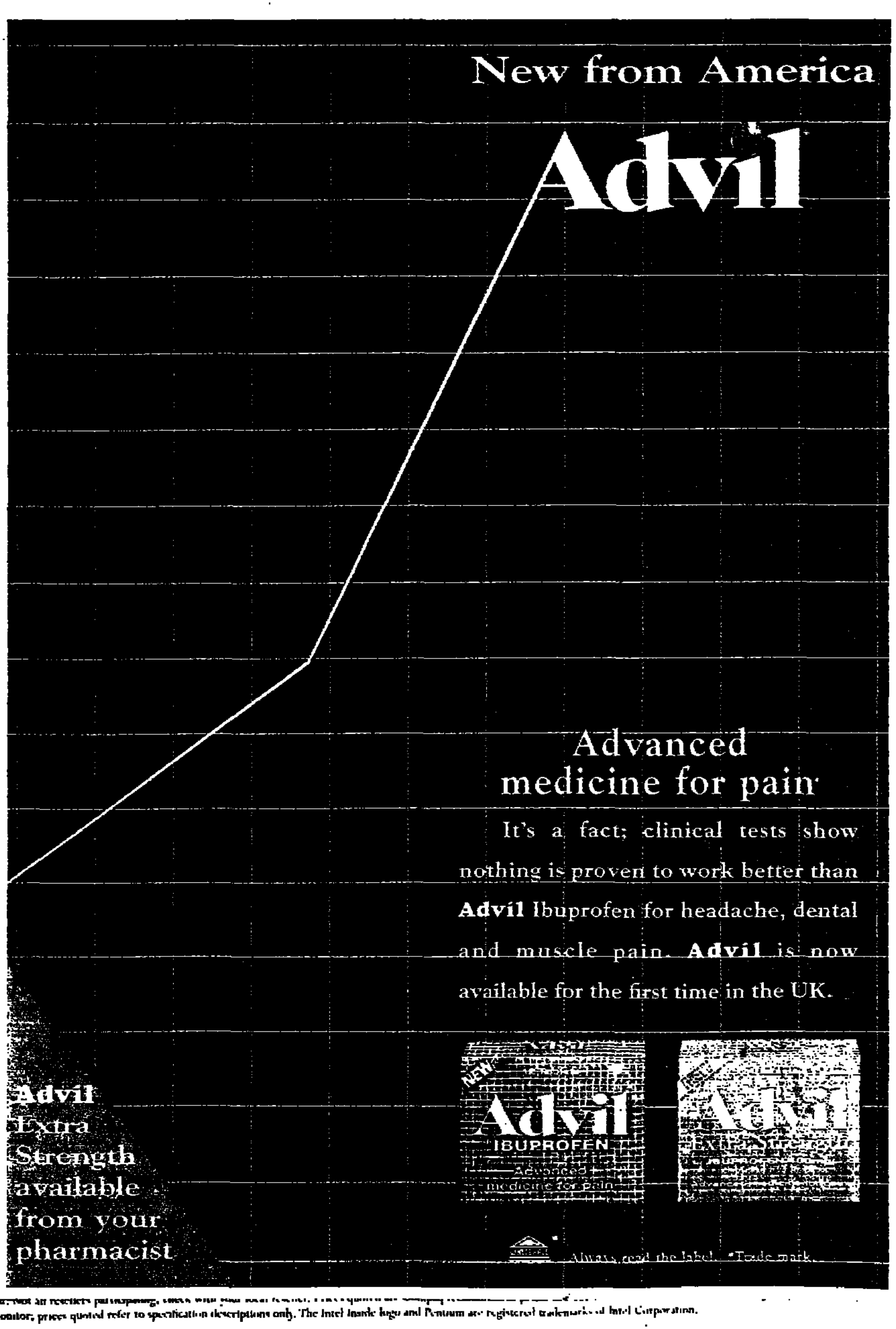
The court was told that Mr McDougall was disgruntled after failing to sell his cottage in Milngavie, near Glasgow, for £130,000. It was sold for £90,000 after it was repossessed by a bank.

James Cusick, a Milngavie postman, said Mr McDougall approached him in the car park of the village sorting office at 5.25am: "He asked me if I knew who lived at the house. He said, 'There's a fiver in it for you.' I didn't tell him."

A former neighbour, Linda Connolly, 41, a social worker, said that Mr McDougall called one Saturday morning asking the couple's whereabouts: "The man said he was a headhunter and wanted to offer Kevin a job. I didn't tell him anything. I found the whole thing strange."

The boss of a private investigation firm, Sydney Miller, 57, said: "He wanted us to find out the ownership of certain properties and other details about a Mr Ayre."

The case continues.



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> *We want public and Parliament to understand the human and economic costs of the new Firearms Bill. The Dunblane horror was the crime of one evil man, yet a whole community has been blamed. If the Firearms Bill becomes law it will be an historic injustice.*

Albie Fox, Chairman, the Sportsman's Association

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> *This is an issue which should be of concern to everyone. It is not just the question of job losses, mass confiscation of private property or the destruction of a traditional sport. It is about how we should make law in a modern democracy. Why has Lord Cullen's report been torn up?*

Mike Yardley, National Spokesman, the Sportsman's Association

The Firearms (Amendment) Bill

Today our members of Parliament will debate this bill. It is unlikely to affect conventional armed crime or prevent another Dunblane tragedy, but it will:

Cause the immediate loss of at least 2,000 jobs

Cost the tax payer more than £300 Million

Confiscate private property on an unprecedented scale*

*** Partial compensation may be paid for guns but not other related equipment and accessories**

Ignore the advice of Lord Cullen's Inquiry

Distract attention from the policing failure at Dunblane*

*** Thomas Hamilton was investigated 7 times without action being taken against him**

Destroy target pistol shooting as we know it – a sport at which Britain excels

Jeopardize the future of all British shooting sports

Do nothing to prevent criminals getting guns illegally*

***Most experts believe that there are more illegally owned guns than legal ones**

Bring Parliament and the law into disrepute

Do you really think the Government's bill will work?

Or do you just wish it would?

If the honest answer to the last question is 'yes', spare a few moments' *thought for this country's shooting men and women. In a mature democracy,* the only excuse for the removal of a freedom is a real public benefit. But the Firearms Bill as presented, will not work. It is a simplistic response to a *complex problem. It is illogical, it scapegoats the innocent and may aggravate* the problem of firearms crime.

So what should be done?

The Sportsman's Association is not for the status quo. We want improved laws and better police procedures for firearm certification. We believe that there is a need for a centralised, national firearms *licensing authority staffed by specialists.* One of the great weaknesses of the present system is that police officers may be sent out on firearm enquiry duties without adequate training or knowledge.

In his evidence to the Parliamentary Home Affairs Committee on the Possession of Handguns, Sir James Sharples, President of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said that bans would not work and that the police service *had learnt that it needed to pay more attention to the personal suitability of the* individual. Although ACPO's position has subsequently changed, we think the truth in Sir James' comments is clear.

How the Sportsman's Association began

The Sportsman's Association was formed at Bisley (the National Shooting Centre) on the 19th October, 1996. Six hundred ordinary people gathered because they were alarmed by Government proposals. In three weeks, 40,000 more have joined their ranks. We are still growing by several thousand members a day. Our target is a million members.

Who has joined the Sportsman's Association?

As well as Olympians and other champions our membership includes *thousands of ordinary men and women from all walks of life. We all believe* that the Government's proposed firearms legislation is wrong. It ignores Lord Cullen's advice and creates an ominous precedent for introducing drastic, *irrational legislation as a response to calamity. If, despite our best efforts, the* Firearms Bill becomes law, we will challenge its legality in home and European courts.

What will the bill do?

The proposals will outlaw full-bore handguns and impose draconian restrictions on .22 pistols. This maybe just the beginning. One Labour MP, Martin Redmond, has asked Parliament to ban shotguns "except for pest control on agricultural land". Such radical measures, supported by the anti-gun lobby, would cause chaos in the countryside, eliminate nearly a million certificate holders and destroy the proud sports of game and clay shooting.

Powerful pressure groups such as the police staff associations are calling for rifles, shotguns, airguns, and replicas to be outlawed. Such measures will be ignored by criminals and may criminalize the law-abiding. Calls to ban one object or another fail to address the real problem: ***who or what will be the next victim of this syndrome?***

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Our Champions Say...

> *The media have not reported the fact that existing laws, however they might be improved, would have prevented this atrocity had they been properly enforced. Thousands of people's lives will be dislocated if the Firearms Bill becomes law without any benefit to public safety.*

Sarah Cooper, Olympian and Commonwealth Gold Medalist

> *What the Government are doing is wrong. They are persecuting innocent people and ignoring the failure of Central Scotland Police in Hamilton's case. I've got nothing against strict law, but it must be based in logic. This bill will result in bad law. It's just another Dangerous Dogs Act.*

John Bidwell, reigning World FITASC Sporting Clays Champion

> *I am disgusted that this country, admired the world over for democracy and fairness, and which I was so proud to represent, is about to wipe out a harmless sport. It is being blamed for the negligence of the authorities who – had they applied the law as it is – would have prevented Hamilton's atrocity being carried out with a legally held firearm.*

Malcolm Cooper MBE, double Olympic Champion and holder of six Commonwealth Games Gold Medals

> *I was horrified by what happened at Dunblane. But it is unjust that sporting shooters should be punished for this terrible crime. If these proposals go through it will wipe out our Olympic prospects at Sydney in 2000.*

Carol Page, British Olympic Pistol Shooting Team

> *If the bill becomes law, the lives of many disabled sportsmen will be profoundly affected. Pistol shooting is one of the few sports where we can compete with the able bodied on equal terms and win.*

Bob Everitt, disabled shot, Great Britain Pistol Team

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Executive sues for drink diagnosis that cost job

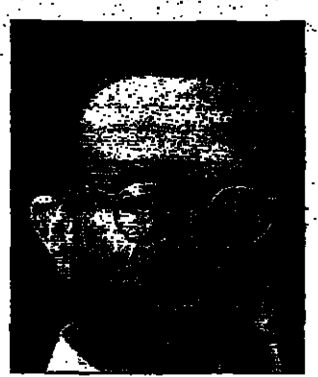
By Adrian Lee

A BRIGHTER life beckoned for a middle-aged executive when he was headhunted by a television company. Peter Baker felt confident that he had passed a pre-employment medical and handed in his notice from his old job.

Then everything changed. The company doctor concluded that he had a drink problem. The company withdrew the job offer, along with the incentive plan, the car and the secretary.

Yesterday Mr Baker, 53, began a claim for damages against Dr Georges Kaye, by telling the High Court that he drank an average of one or two glasses of wine a day and that there had never been a question mark over his drinking in a 22-year career.

He admitted that a blood sample at his medical might have been affected by the fact that he had recently attended a business congress in Monte Carlo, where he consumed a bottle of wine a day. Robert Seabrook, QC, for Dr Kaye, suggested that an employer would find that level unsatisfactory. Mr Baker replied: "If every employer took that view, there would be nobody in the industry."



Georges Kaye: advised firm against job offer

Mr Baker, a father of three from Great Bookham, Surrey, is claiming damages for the doctor's alleged breach of his duty of care to make a proper assessment of his health for NBC Europe, where we had hoped to become the £45,000-a-year head of international sales. It is believed to be the first time a court has been asked to decide if a company physician owes a duty of care to a prospective employee.

Mr Baker, whose previous employers included Warner Brothers, said he was angry and shocked when told of Dr Kaye's assessment, made in February 1991. He was recalled for a second blood test after the first showed abnormalities. Questioned about his drinking habits, he had said Monte Carlo was exceptional and an "an occupational hazard". At home he might go without alcohol for days then share one bottle of wine with his wife during a meal out.

Dr Kaye, an occupational physician, of Kensington, west London, said Mr Baker's blood tests were highly suggestive of an alcohol problem. He was concerned it might become an issue in a job involving foreign travel twice a fortnight and effectively becoming the "face of NBC".

The doctor, who had conducted medicals for the company for more than ten years, said he recalled Mr Baker, eliminated other possibilities for the test results, then questioned him about his drinking habits: "It was very hard to get a history out of him. I felt he was deflective, on guard."

Dr Kaye said he reached the conclusion that Mr Baker drank about 35 units of alcohol per week — the equivalent of about 4½ bottles of wine. He denied describing Mr Baker as a regular heavy drinker but concluded he was a "spree drinker". He added: "I felt he had given me ample evidence that, when paid by an employer to do work in the course of a professional assignment, he was likely to consume quantities of alcohol that were likely to interfere with the crispness of his thinking process."

The doctor sought a second opinion from a colleague before deciding that Mr Baker should not be employed: "I lose sleep over such questions," he said.

Mr Baker's wife, Beryl, told the court: "My husband doesn't drink too much." She said that she had never known them to share more than one bottle of wine with a meal. During the week, he might drink one or two glasses of wine a day: "When you have to go to work, there is nothing worse than waking up with a hangover. If we went out, we would share a bottle, but we would always have a bottle of Perrier with it."

The case continues.

Peter Baker: conference was "occupational hazard"

Unionists wary of tourism link with Republic

By Audrey Magee, Ireland correspondent

A £30 MILLION advertising campaign was launched yesterday to promote Northern Ireland and the Republic as a single tourism destination. But some unionists in Northern Ireland reacted angrily to the joint venture.

Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, said it was another step on the road to a united Ireland. "The political intention of the pan-nationalist front is to graft Northern Ireland on to all-Ireland structures in a gradual and unobtrusive way."

Baroness Denton of Wakefield, Minister for the Northern Ireland economy, who was at the launch in Dublin yesterday, dismissed Mr Taylor's protests. She said it was a "very exciting" commercial arrangement that would secure more jobs in the tourism industry. The Northern Ireland Tourism Board expects that the campaign will yield about £27 million and 720 jobs over the next three years.

John Taylor, of the Ulster Unionist Party, welcomed the deal but said that he would be examining all promotional material for traces of the Irish tricolour. "If there is the slightest misrepresentation of the position of Northern Ireland within the United Kingdom then we will object very strongly," he said. There will also be television advertisements shown in the United States, France, Germany and Britain.

Tourism in the North reached an all-time high during the IRA ceasefire. It is now worth more than £200 million a year in Northern Ireland and provides 12,000 jobs. In the Republic, tourism is growing at seven times the rate of the rest of Europe. It generates £2.3 billion a year and has created 100,000 jobs.

Seventy-seven groups from north and south of the border were represented on the first joint stand at the World Travel Market yesterday. The travel market, at Earls Court in London, is the largest international tourism convention.

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MEDICAL BRIEFING

Blood tests and appearances may be deceptive

SIR WILLIAM OSLER, the Oxford physician and father of modern medicine, believed in on-the-spot diagnosis. He said that no doctor would succeed unless he learnt to sum up his patients in the time it took them to walk from the consulting-room door to the chair by his desk.

Osler must have spotted many heavy drinkers as he watched them cross his room, but his diagnosis can only have been a provisional one, no more than a supposition. Today ten millilitres of blood sent to the pathology laboratory will give a far more accurate assessment.

Even a cursory glance, however, shows that the middle-aged male heavy drinker has a different shape from his less bibulous contemporary. Those who drink to excess have spindly arms and legs with wasted muscles, heavy breasts, a prominent abdomen and a scrawny bottom. Closer examination may reveal thinning body hair and shrivelled genitalia.

The skin of the face will probably be thickened with prominent small veins. If the man is a very heavy drinker he has about a one in seven chance of displaying signs of liver failure: prominent veins which look like the body of a red spider, a coarse shake to his hand and a tongue which flicks in and out like a viper's.

Blood tests will show abnormal liver function. A routine blood biochemistry test measures five enzyme levels that are applicable to liver function. Many conditions may interfere with liver function, however, and these will have to be judged in conjunction with the physical examination and the patient's history. The blood count is also significant because the red cells of a heavy drinker will be fewer in number but larger in size.

Few heavy drinkers like to admit the habit. Most underrate the amount they drink when they talk to their doctor. Therefore doctors must be extremely careful when they attribute physical signs and abnormal laboratory results to high alcohol consumption.

Medical examinations are an important part of the job-selection process. The future of the firm, and of other workers' continuing employment, may depend on finding the right man. But the doctor's role must always be to assess the patient's physical and mental health; he must never be judgmental about the patient's lifestyle, unless it affects either of these.

One of the problems when assessing drinking patterns is that the Government's guidelines on safe drinking, although sounder than they were, are still lower than need be for most people. The Government, understandably, has to play safe and set a limit that will encompass not only the average person but those who are least likely, because of their physique, to be able to deal adequately with alcohol.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Baby given flying start

A PREGNANT woman flying to Hong Kong from London was in luck when her baby opted for an unscheduled arrival. On board was John Hayworth, consultant in the accident and emergency unit at Southampton General Hospital, who played midwife.

Karen Pirt, of British Airways, also helped and has visited mother and daughter in hospital in Hong Kong. Mr Hayworth said: "The birth was normal and quick and the baby did all the right things." A colleague, Andrew McQuitty, said that as he was an instructor in paediatric life-support, the baby could not have been in better hands.

☐ Mrs Selina Chow asks us to make clear that in her speech in the Hong Kong Legislative Council she did not, contrary to our report of October 24, say that the Government had received information critical of Mr Lawrence Leung, nor indeed suggest anything to his discredit. She was arguing for the establishment of a select committee to put an end to speculation about Mr Leung's departure from his post as director of immigration. We regret the error.

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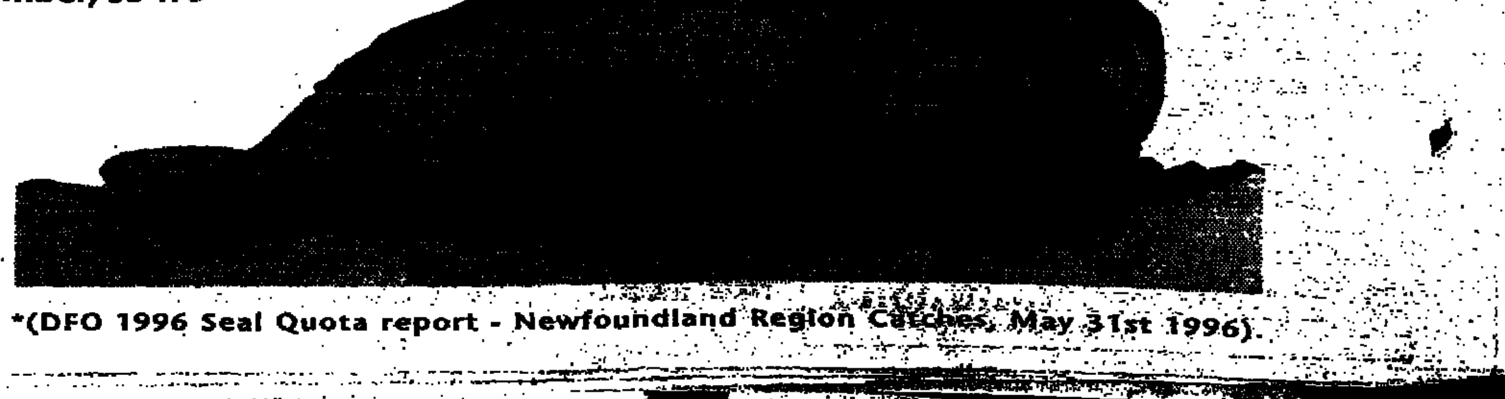

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Pregnant women face biggest risk of domestic violence

Midwives told to look for danger signs

By Dominic Kennedy, Social Affairs Correspondent

PREGNANT women are in greater danger of being beaten by their husbands and boyfriends, according to research in North America. In one Canadian study 7 per cent of mothers-to-be were abused.

Jealousy of the unborn baby, sexual frustration or money problems when a woman gives up work were most likely to be the causes. Warning signs were said to include fathers-to-be always accompanying their wives to the ante-natal clinic to stop them from reporting attacks.

Christine Bewley, senior lecturer in midwifery at Middlesex University, told an international conference in Brighton entitled Violence, Abuse and Women's Citizenship: "Pregnancy can actually act as a trigger for domestic violence to begin or to escalate. There have been reports of foetal injury so that babies are born with abdominal organs ruptured or broken bones."

Ms Bewley has helped to train 400 British midwives in the past four years to look for clues of domestic abuse.

"The man who is abusing his pregnant partner will stay with her because he is afraid that, if she is on her own, she will say something. Watch couples together. Is that fellow with his partner because he is loving and supportive, or because he doesn't want her to talk?"

Midwives were more likely to take action if they feared the unborn baby was at risk, rather than to protect the mother, she said. Midwives have been urged to look for women who fail to keep appointments, make frequent complaints of headaches or sleeplessness, abuse alcohol or drugs, or complain that they have possessive husbands or boyfriends.

Some men might try to suggest that their wives were subject to violent mood swings during pregnancy, explaining the increase in violence, but Ms Bewley said: "It is to do with the traditional view of blaming women's hormones, whether they have PMT, the menopause, or are pregnant — I don't think many people would give that credence."

She and Andrew Gibbs, of the Faculty of Health Studies at Napier University, Edinburgh, were the first to prepare guidelines for British midwives about domestic violence, but their work has met resistance in the midwifery and medical establishments.

Ms Bewley gave as an example of prejudice a consultant obstetrician's remark that "many women enjoy violence. It makes them feel sexy." Mr Gibbs said: "Some colleges of midwives won't even let me in the classroom."

The Royal College of Midwives in Scotland has now recognised the issue by hosting a study session and some training establishments included the study of domestic violence on midwifery courses.

A review of all research evidence in the United States published by the *Journal of Nurse Midwifery* suggests one in 50 pregnant women will be beaten. A study of 40 families in New Hampshire with no known history of violence found that a quarter of the women had been beaten during pregnancy.

A study in Islington, north London, published in the *British Journal of Psychiatry*, found that 25 per cent of working-class mothers had been beaten and many had reported more severe violence during pregnancy.

Teachers in vogue reveal secrets of the school for style

By Emma Wilkins

TEACHERS at Earlham School in Norwich yesterday disclosed the secrets of the dress sense that caught the eye of Gillian Shephard, and agreed with the Education Secretary's comments that a smart appearance was vital to set pupils a good example.

Mrs Shephard said on BBC1's *On the Record* programme on Sunday that all the 55 staff had been smartly dressed when she visited the comprehensive school in June, but the female teachers looked "as though they had stepped out of the pages of *Vogue*".

Olwen Freemantle, 44, a modern languages teacher, buys her suits from Marks & Spencer in Norwich because, she said, they were good value. "I do think it's important to look smart because it sets a good example to the pupils if teachers look tidy and neat. I think the children might find the suggestion that we appear in *Vogue* rather amusing but I shan't be changing my career."

Shephard: said women were like fashion models

Mrs Freemantle, who has three children and has taught at the school for four years, was wearing a black suit, white shirt and black shoes yesterday. Her outfit was set off with a gold necklace, diamond rings and soft red nail varnish. "I don't think there is any need for a formal dress code for teachers," she said. "Most men wear suits and for women good taste is what counts."

Sandra Howard, who teaches English and is one of two deputy heads, said she bore her position in mind when choosing clothes. "You have an image to maintain. It's important to be smart and quite formal in my position as it gives the children an image to look up to," she said.

Mrs Howard, who bought her black wool pinstripe suit in a sale at John Lewis in Norwich for £100, said it was slightly more than she usually spent. "I think teachers dress appropriately to the job they are doing. If you are teaching in a primary school you might be crawling around on all fours on the floor." Mrs Howard, who was wearing a pair of tiny silver dancing elephant earrings, said they were a present from an elderly neighbour and one of her favourite pieces of jewellery.

However, she emphasised that appearance was not the teachers' most valuable asset. "The day that Mrs Shephard came I do agree that the staff dressed smartly, but that's not the most important thing about this school — it's the fact that the teachers are dedicated and care about all the children."

William Dashley, a history teacher, said he warmly approved of Mrs Shephard's praise. "I do agree with her. I present my lessons well and I do believe it is very important that I look smart. I used to work for Norwich Union and we were expected to wear a suit there, so I still do wear a suit now to work."

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Model teachers: from left, Paul Ranger, Olwen Freemantle, William Dashley, Sandra Howard and David Shiret show their dress sense

Mr Dashley's dark grey suit came from Marks & Spencer. "I do like looking for nice bright ties to set off my suit. If I ever came in looking scruffy the children would pass comment, I am quite sure of it."

The school, which came third from bottom of Norfolk's 65 secondary schools in last year's examination league tables, introduced a dress code after abolishing school uniform in September last year. Pupils must wear a white shirt, navy or black trousers or skirts, and a navy sweatshirt. It is up to parents to make sure that their children comply. The school blazer and tie were replaced because the uniform became too expensive for many parents, Mrs Freemantle said. "The boys, especially, were growing out of their blazers too quickly and that caused a problem. We wanted to make a practical alternative so we set up a working party with the governors and agreed on the change."

The fame of Earlham might lead to rivalry with other schools in Norfolk. George Turner, chairman of Norfolk County Council education committee, said: "I can see there being a fashion competition now between teachers over the next few weeks."

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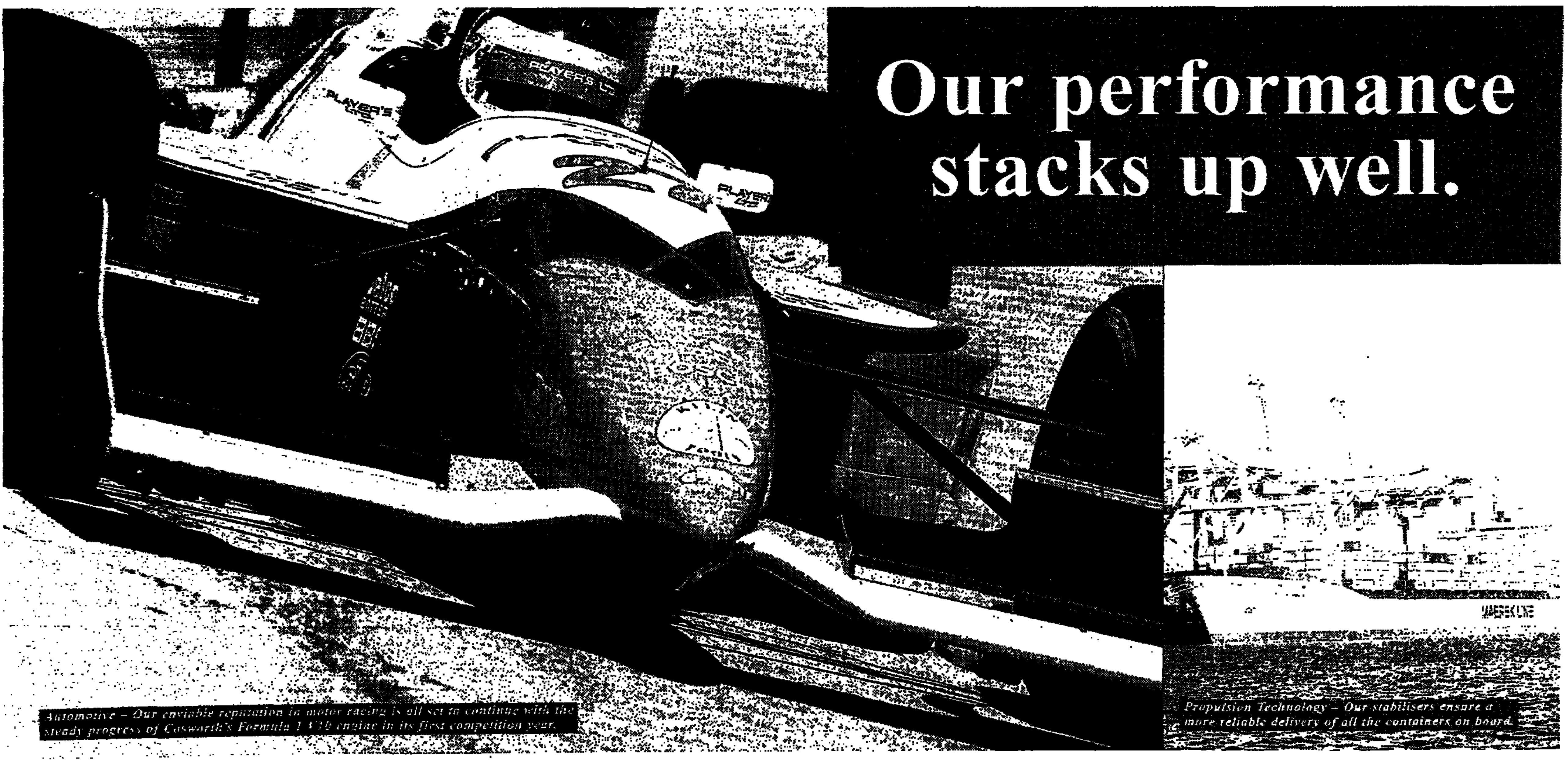

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Army records of Great War give details of the horrors that returning soldiers kept to themselves

Revealed at last: official files on life in trenches

By Russell Jenkins

FAMILIES of those who served in the Great War were able to discover more yesterday about what happened to them, after service records of ordinary soldiers in the conflict were made available to the public.

The 750,000 files of individual soldiers that have been transferred on to microfilm at the Public Record Office in Kew, west London, are the first phase in the staggered release of material that historians believe will change our views of the First World War. Further releases of the records of "other ranks" and officers, and of those who served in the Royal Flying Corps and Royal Navy are expected to follow.

William Spencer, the Public Record Office's adviser in records of defence policy and military history, said: "They will be of great interest to people finding ancestors who served as Tommies, as well as to academics of all sorts — from demographers interested in the height or weight of Kitchener's army to the social historian wanting to know about the background of the men who fought on the Somme.

"We expect something of a stampede when word gets out that these records contain quite a lot of interesting information about people's fathers and grandfathers."

The yellowing and faded enlistment, discharge and medical papers reflect the military obsession with form-filling. Every medical check-up is recorded in detail on a soldier's records until the simple words "missing in action" or "dead" are written in immaculate copperplate. The commonplace horror and heroism is plain, nevertheless.

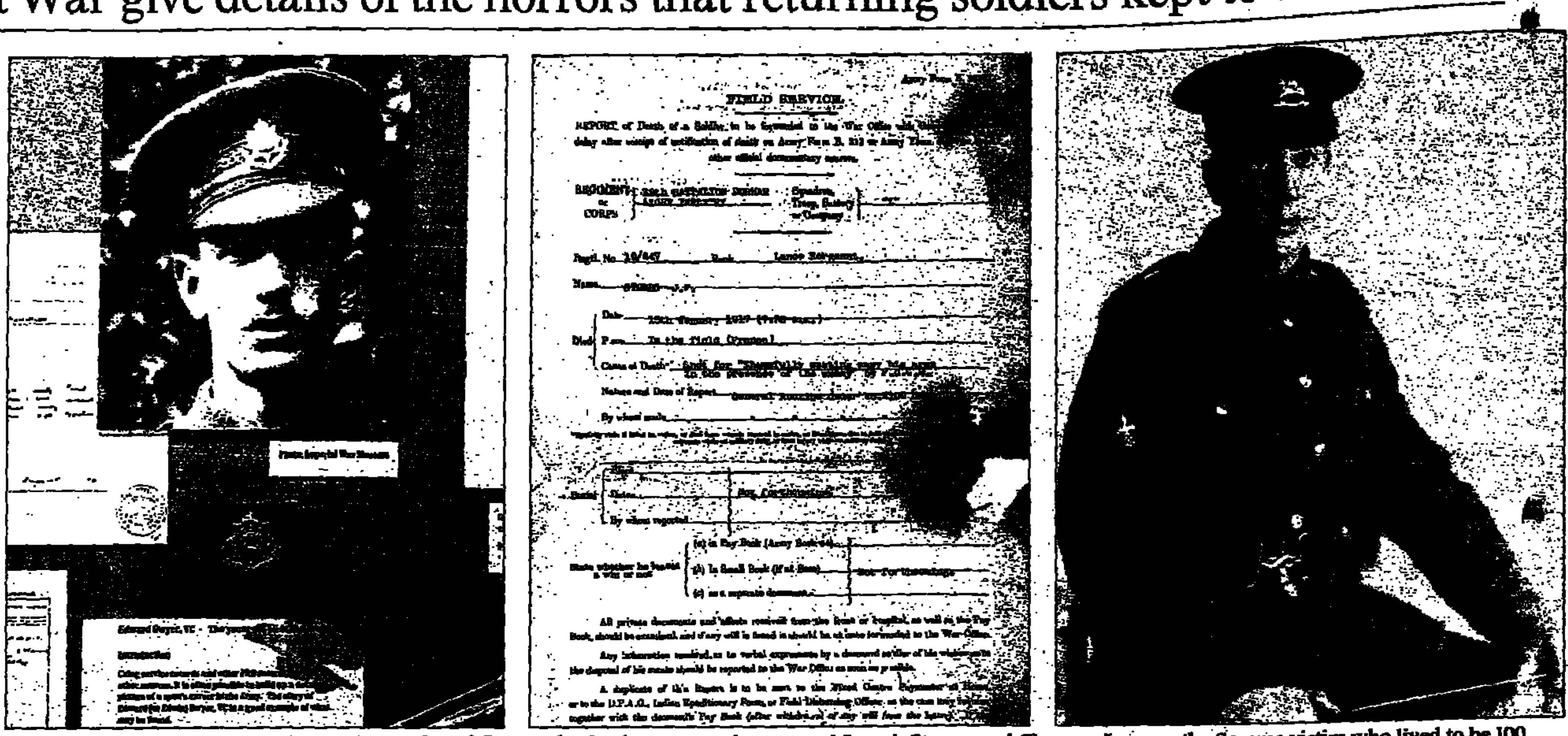
The class system strikes one as brutish. Edward Dwyer, the youngest man in the Army to be awarded the Victoria Cross, was killed in action on the Somme on September 3, 1916. Despite his courageous exploits, there is no mention of his passing in the battalion war diary because it records only the deaths of officers.

In total, the original documents take up nearly two miles of shelving at Hayes and are held in more than 42,800 boxes. Only 8 per cent of the Army's files were released because most — about 60 per cent — were destroyed by fire during the Blitz in 1940.

The remainder were so badly damaged by fire or water that they require special care. The Public Record Office has received £350,000 to fund a pilot study to discover whether it is feasible to place these documents on microfilm.

When the Australians released equivalent records they received more than 12,000 inquiries in the first year. "You can multiply that figure by ten, relative to the number of documents," Mr Spencer said, adding that the releases would continue into early in the next century. The Ministry of Defence papers for the officers — 1.6 million in all — will not be released until 1998.

Kay Payne, of the Friends of the PRO, said: "My father told me nothing about his experience in the war, and other people have said the same about their relatives. Life was so bad in the Twenties that they didn't talk about it, it seems. I am looking forward to filling in some of the gaps."



War and remembrance: a display about Edward Dwyer, the death report on the executed Joseph Stones, and Clarence Jarman, the Somme victim who lived to be 100

The boys who lied to fight like men

TEENAGE VC

THE entries on Edward Dwyer's casualty form record that he went down with measles, was treated for a septic heel, awarded the highest military award for gallantry, and died on the Somme.

They do not do justice to the remarkable story of a teenager who lied about his age to enlist at 17, became the war's youngest winner of the Victoria Cross, returned home as a celebrity, then re-enlisted.

He became a hero in April 1915 at Hill 60 near Ypres. A handwritten diary by a senior officer recalls how, braving enemy fire, Dwyer stood up and threw grenades at German lines. He was 19.

The action ensured celebrity status back home in Fulham, southwest London. On his return, he was feted by the local press and used by the War Office, anxious to exploit his new-found fame as a focus for war propaganda. He made a record about his experiences at the front and performed a rousing patriotic song. In December 1915 he married a nurse, Maude Barrett-Freeman, but he found life at home too tame and re-enlisted for service on the front line. He was killed on September 3, 1916.

Papers also reveal how another teenager, George Alfred Redrup, of Prestwood, Buckinghamshire, lied about his age to join the King's Royal Rifle Corps in November 1914. He was 15. His true age came to light only when he was wounded, and his records say he was "discharged having made misstatements as to age". He was allowed to keep his 1914-15 Star and Victory Medal.

Once he had recovered, he re-enlisted with the Third Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment, again lying about his age. He was killed at the Battle of Aisne in 1918.

Pardon sought for disgraced sergeant

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SENTENCED to death on Christmas Eve 1917, Lance Sergeant Joseph William Stones, of 19 Durham Light Infantry, the Bantams, was shot at dawn for "shamefully casting away his arms in the presence of the enemy" at Arras.

According to the official record, the 5ft 2in former miner died in disgrace. Among his family his name was never mentioned. His widow, Elizabeth, denied a pension, moved and married another miner three months later. Eighty years on, his great-nephew, Tom Stones, has launched a campaign to pardon the 25-year-old NCO from Crook, Co Durham.

The facts are stark. At 2am on November 26, 1917, Stones was patrolling a mined area with a lieutenant when they were surprised by a German raiding party and the officer was killed. Stones dropped his rifle and made his way to the rear to raise the alarm, but was stopped by military policemen and held with two sentries, Lance Corporals Peter Goggins and John McDonald, who had also fled.

Despite his good fighting record and previous good character, Stones received the ultimate penalty, as did the other two. All three were shot in mid-January.

After extensive research at the Durham Light Infantry Museum and through family records, Tom Stones, 56, a microbiologist from Stafford, believes his relative was wrongly executed for trying to raise the alarm.

"I was angry at first and now I just want a pardon. He was a scapegoat. You do not get to be a sergeant in the Durham Light Infantry for being first in the cookhouse queue, but he was taken out in a French farmyard and shot like a rat."

Somme amputee lived to be 100

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WOUNDED on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, Clarence Jarman defied the odds to outlive his contemporaries and overcome the loss of his right leg. But he suffered pain until he died at the age of 100, the day before Remembrance Sunday.

Mr Jarman, a private in the Royal West Surrey Regiment, was one of the 40,000 injured on July 1, 1916. Pages of medical notes, on faded blue and green paper, tell of his progress from field hospitals to antiseptic isolation wards.

His part in the advance at Fricourt was ended by shrapnel in his right calf. He received emergency treatment at Corbie, where a medical orderly wrote of a serious infection in the wound. The infection spread inexorably up his leg. From Corbie he went to Amiens, then Abbeville, on to the 3rd Canadian Hospital at Boulogne. He was then shipped home to a hospital in Aberdeen, where doctors decided that his leg was beyond saving.

Mr Jarman received a certificate of sobriety and noteworthiness and left the Army to work for 36 years as a school attendance officer in Woking, Surrey. He retained a keen interest in sport, playing cricket as a wicketkeeper for 20 years, swimming until he was 88 and being a long-serving committee member of Woking Football Club.

Yesterday his second wife, Adela, 80, recalled her 34 years with the old soldier who was known as Clarrie to his friends and family. "He was a very kind person who was always helpful, and a great sportsman. He always said he enjoyed the comradeship of his years in the Army and he was never bitter about losing his leg. He never let it stop him do anything, even though he suffered dreadful pain."

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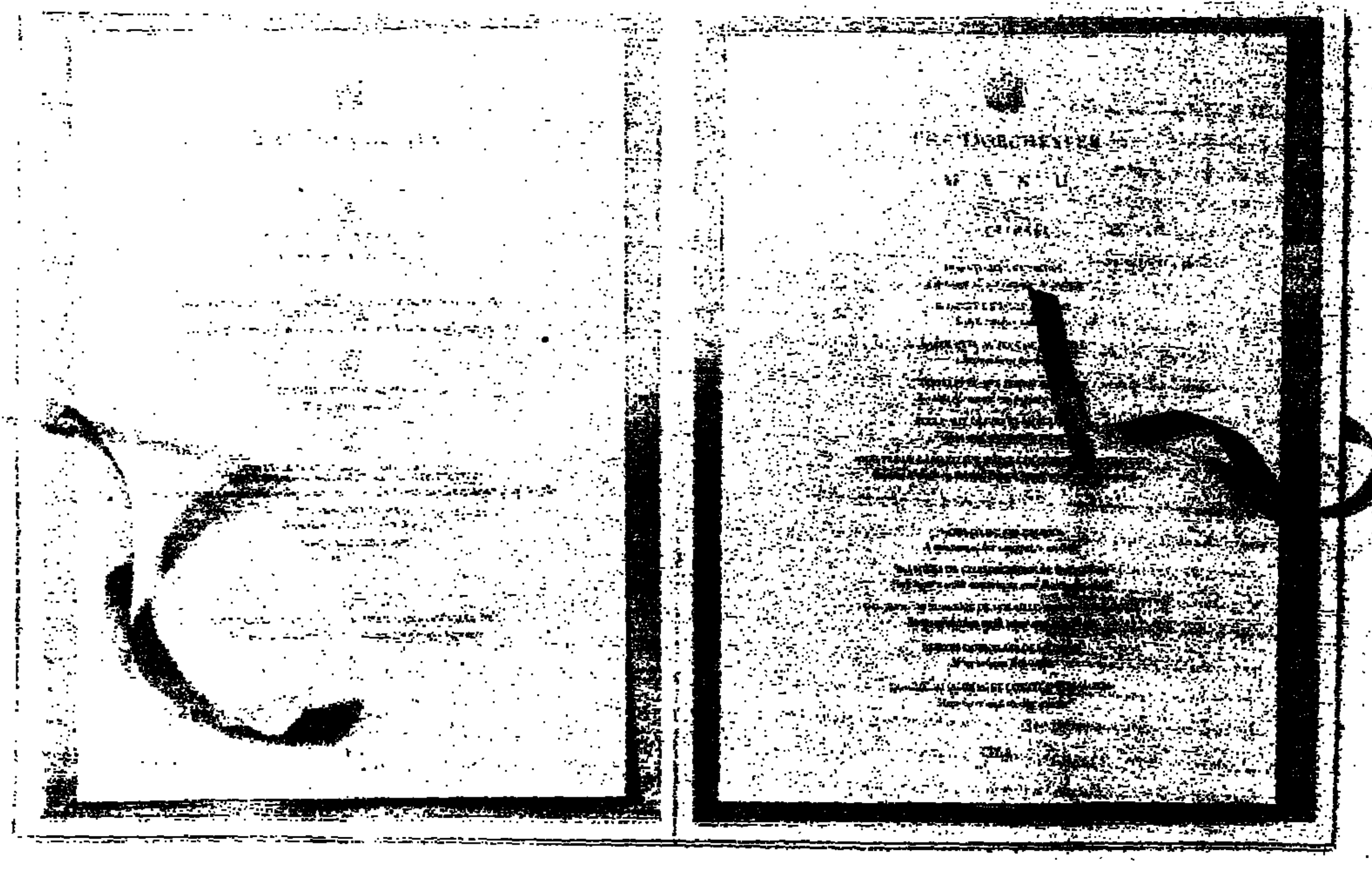

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Britain answers the call to stand in silence

Photographs: KEVIN LAMARQUE, ANTHONY UPTON, ADAM BUTLER, RUSSELL BOYCE

Girls at the Royal School in Hampstead, north London, standing with heads bowed in remembrance yesterday. Police brought traffic in Parliament Square, in the shadow of Big Ben, to a halt for two minutes after it had struck eleven

By Daniel McGrory

CHILDREN stood by their desks with heads bowed, police halted on their beats, factory workers downed tools and office staff took their telephones off the hook. They were joining the nation's old soldiers yesterday in observing two minutes' silence in memory of those who gave their lives in war.

As the clocks struck eleven, much of the country came to a halt. Tannoys at railway stations and airports asked passengers to stand still. Planes at Heathrow airport turned off their engines, and in one of the terminal buildings a bugler sounded *Last Post*.

The usual bustle on the floor of the City's financial institutions was quietened as traders in their brightly coloured blazers turned off computers and stood in absolute silence. At the giant Liffe building in London, over 2,500 staff from the International Financial Futures and Options Exchange stopped their usually frenetic dealing.

The Royal British Legion had asked the country to mark Armistice Day and the moment the fighting stopped in the First World War — the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918 — with the two minutes' silence. Charles Lewis of the legion said: "Support has exceeded our greatest expectations. We are so very grateful to the British people who clearly showed they want this to be an annual event."

It was during the planning of celebrations for the fiftieth anniversary of VE-Day that senior figures in the legion proposed there should be a silence as a chain of bonfires was lit around the coastline to mark the end of the Second World War. The enthusiastic support the legion received, particularly from the young, prompted a group of advisers to argue for the return of the observance once given to Armistice Day.

Jeremy Lillies, head of public affairs at the legion's headquarters in Pall Mall, remembers how pessimistic the organisation was that Britain could once again recapture public support for such a demonstration. "Old soldiers still paused for two minutes wherever they were, but we had doubts if it was still relevant to the British people," he said.

It was in 1946 that the Government proposed Remembrance Sunday as the occasion for Britain to honour its war dead. "Somehow, Armistice Day just fell by the wayside," Mr Lillies said. "Even up to the late Fifties and early Sixties everyone would stop driving. Buses pulled over, people stopped, the noise was still for those precious minutes."

He said that when the legion was examining the success of the call for a silence to mark VE-Day, "what was particularly striking was that young people were the most enthusiastic". He added: "We believe that the two minutes' silence will be part of the country's calendar from now on."

Its success could be judged yesterday by the stilling of tills from the corner shop to the big stores; silence on radio and television: a drop in electricity demand "big enough to power a city the size of Leeds"; and a request from the National Lottery for its 30,000 outlets to suspend ticket sales for two minutes.

☐ Lord Healey and Lord Merlyn-Rees have launched a campaign to make Second World War poetry part of the National Curriculum. They believe the standard of the poetry published this week in *The Voice of War* (Penguin Books, £7.99) is so good it ought to be studied in schools.

Shoppers at the Tesco store in Foots Cray, southeast London, joined much of the country in observing the two minutes' silence, as did futures traders at Liffe in the City

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I needed no advice from junior whip, says inquiry MP

By James Landale, Alice Thomson and Andrew Pierce

THE MP who would have chaired the original inquiry into the cash-for questions affair said yesterday that he was not even aware that David Willetts was a Tory whip when they discussed the matter.

Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith also said that the memorandum of the conversation that led to claims that the whips were putting pressure on him to delay the proceedings was partially inaccurate.

Sir Geoffrey was chairman of the Members' Interests Committee, which planned an investigation into allegations against the former trade minister Neil Hamilton before it was replaced by the Standards and Privileges Committee. Giving evidence to that committee's inquiry yesterday, he denied charges that he had succumbed to pressure from the whips.

He told the hearing that with more than 20 years experience he had not needed to take the advice of Mr Willetts, then a young and newly appointed whip. "I neither sought advice nor did I expect anyone to give me advice," Sir Geoffrey said. "I didn't necessarily assume that Mr Willetts was going to report [the conversation]. I wasn't even sure that Mr Willetts was a whip."

It was alleged that Mr Willetts had sought improperly to persuade Sir Geoffrey in 1994 either to rush through an inquiry into Mr Hamilton or delay it by exploiting "the good Tory majority" on his committee, or by claiming that any discussion would be sub judice.

A handwritten note by Mr Willetts of a conversation he had with Sir Geoffrey was circulated to MPs at yesterday's hearing and clearly showed that Mr Willetts had given the chairman the two choices. Answering questions from Tony Newton, the new committee's chairman, Sir Geoffrey defended Mr Willetts as a "highly repected member of the House". But he made it clear that he had completely misunderstood the "chat" they had had together and that he was not seeking any advice from Mr Willetts on how he should proceed.

Sir Geoffrey told Mr Newton, the Leader of the House, that as far as he could remember his conversation with Mr Willetts had centred on the issue of the libel writ issued by Mr Hamilton against *The Guardian*. "My recollection is really of a conversation that would have covered that aspect," he said.

"As far as Mr Willetts is concerned with his obviously inquiring mind, which is highly respected by members of this House, none more so than myself, I think it is only natural that that issue should occur. My recollection would be that, as with others, I did raise in general terms the issue of the writ, that there was this novel feature which I thought — and I was quite open about that — posed a problem."

Sir Geoffrey denied using the words "exploit a good Tory majority". He told the committee: "I think you will have to ask Mr Willetts as to how he wrote up that conversation, but I am quite convinced in my own mind that words like 'exploiting a good Tory majority' are not in my vocabulary."

Ann Taylor, the Shadow Leader of the House, asked Sir Geoffrey who had initiated the conversation.

"I can't recall how it happened. We do wander around these corridors and these conversations do arise. Its unlikely that I would walk up to someone but out of natural curiosity Mr Willetts might have approached me.

"I can't think why he thought I wanted his advice. I was quite clear in my mind with my experience where my duty lay."

Sir Geoffrey made it clear that no one from the Whips' Office had continued the conversation later. "Nobody contacted me whatsoever. I see the Chief Whip two times a week as vice-chairman of the 1922 Committee and he never uttered one word about it."

Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith giving evidence to the privileges committee yesterday

He repeatedly emphasised that the note was partly inaccurate but told Jill Knight, Tory MP for Edegbaston: "This was a shorthand note and I am not here to rubbish a shorthand note, because a shorthand note is very often followed up by some verbal explanation."

John Evans, Labour MP for St Helens North, said any "fair-minded rational person" who read Mr Willetts's memorandum would conclude that Sir Geoffrey had sought advice from a "high level within the Government" on how his committee should handle the "potentially devastating" allegations against Mr Hamilton.

"Isn't it astonishing that Mr Willetts could have put such a reading onto the conversation and discussions that you had when you seemingly cannot recall how he could possibly arrive at that conclusion?"

Sir Geoffrey replied: "Yes, I think it is astonishing and I think you are quite right and I think you better ask Mr Willetts, if I may suggest that."

He told Nigel Jones, Liberal Democrat MP for Cheltenham, that he had never felt under any pressure from Number 10 and had had no contact with anyone there.

Questioned by Quentin Davies, Tory MP for Stamford and Spalding, Sir Geoffrey said he did not know whether Mr Willetts was a whip or not. Pressed further, Sir Geoffrey insisted: "I do not recall having a conversation knowing that I was addressing a member as a whip."

He said that if was intending to pass information onto the whips he would have spoken to the Chief Whip, Alistair Goodlad, whom he saw once a week anyway. "I would not have used a junior whip as a conduit," he said.

Sir Geoffrey said that he had not discussed the whole affair with Mr Willetts in recent weeks. He and Mr Willetts had merely greeted each other when passing in Westminster. He also admitted that he did not know Mr Willetts had written a memorandum of their conversation until it was published in the newspapers.

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: social security questions; Prime Minister's Questions; Firearms (Amendment) Bill, second reading; Backbench debate on compensation for holocaust victims. In the Lords: Transfer of Crofting Estates (Scotland) Bill, second reading; debate on moral education in schools.

Major has strong case, but will the voters care?

The Government yesterday deployed its maximum firepower on the economy — Michael Heseltine, in his role as chief executive of Great Britain plc reviewing the balance sheet; Malcolm Rifkind and Ian Lang launching the White Paper *Free Trade and Foreign Policy: a Global Vision*; and, finally, John Major as head booster of the British success story. There was an orgy of good news and optimism. Did I hear the strains of Elgar and *Land of Hope and Glory* in the background? But I doubt whether all this "Britain is back in business" stuff will be electorally decisive.

The Tories have a strong case, even if it is not as good as they claim. There have, after all, been several big policy mistakes over the years. Taxes have risen since 1992, many people have lost their jobs and businesses have gone bust. But the recent performance has been better. It is not just the fall in unemployment, relatively low inflation and rising living standards.

As important are the series of arguments about competitiveness and deregulation summed up in the slogan "the enterprise centre of Europe". The Government's new White Paper is a worthy — though, as the Prime Minister's office has admitted in a leak, hardly novel — discussion of the foreign policy and free trade implications. One yardstick of success is the high level of foreign investment in Britain.

The Tories' problem is making voters care. These arguments may be strong in the abstract; people may accept the broad themes underlying the case for free trade and less red tape. But they do not necessarily regard their long-term prospects and prosperity as being at stake and threatened if Labour wins. Tony Blair is not a reincarnation of Tony Benn *circa* 1974 and is not seen as such by industry.

The Tories are trying to wind up the issue of the social chapter — linked to this morning's decision on the working-time directive — to warn of the linked Labour and European threat to Britain's competitive position. Both main parties exaggerate the significance of the social chapter. Not only have many British multinationals accepted its provisions but there is also a growing acceptance in the rest of Europe of the dangers of adding to social costs.

Nonetheless, Labour's position is flawed. Mr Blair and Gordon Brown talk as if Britain can take and leave what it implements, and would not agree to any measures that might burden business. But if Britain ended its opt-out from the social chapter, it would have limited room for manoeuvre. Labour is right that certain items, such as social security, collective bargaining and worker-directors, are subject to unanimity. But many other areas are decided by qualified majority voting. Moreover, Labour has talked of extending QMV in social, environmental, industrial and regional policy, and Labour MEPs have made proposals about works councils affecting companies with more than 50 employees.

Nevertheless, I still do not see the social chapter as being at the forefront of voters' minds next spring. The economy generally, and rising living standards, should help the Tories to narrow the gap with Labour. The regular MORI questions for *The Times* on which party is best on certain issues show that the Tories have been improving their position on managing the economy and have edged back in front of Labour for the first time since 1992. However, the Tories had previously enjoyed a big lead on economic management. They are right to focus on this issue, but are being over-optimistic in hoping that it will be enough to offset the other factors working against them and save the next general election.

PETER RIDDELL

Woman reporter will fight safe Tory seat

WOMEN Tories have always struggled to beat their male counterparts in the battle to become parliamentary candidates, but Julie Kirkbride has succeeded with apparent ease (Alice Thomson writes).

Miss Kirkbride (right), a 36-year-old journalist, was chosen from 300 hopefuls to stand for the safe seat of Bromsgrove in Worcestershire. She will defend a 13,700 Tory majority.

Yesterday the selection committee said that her speeches were exceptional and that members had been impressed by her grasp of subjects ranging from the CSA to BSE, cakemaking and football. She put her success down to her five years in Westminster as a political correspondent for *The Daily Telegraph*.

"I didn't think I stood a chance," she said. "I only went to the first interview to get some experience. Then I got to the second round and suddenly it was the finals."

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Concern at court rulings

Mackay calls for better quality of Euro judges

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

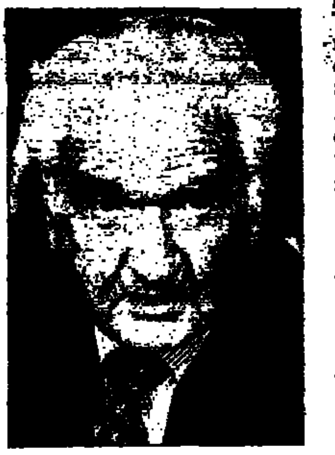
THE Lord Chancellor is to press for tighter controls over the European Court of Human Rights because of growing concern at the quality of judges from some European countries.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern will put the Government's case in person later this month for some kind of informal vetting of judges put up for the European Court, to be coupled with the standard selection criteria. There is concern in government circles that, with 40 countries now members of the Council of Europe and more expected, the quality and experience of some new judges cannot be guaranteed.

British officials believe that too many of the human rights judges, as academics or human rights specialists, have no practical experience. At the same time the Government is concerned about a string of recent adverse rulings by the court and wants reforms to ensure that the judges pay more heed to British circumstances and traditions.

Lord Mackay's visit to the presidents of the European Court and of the European Commission of Human Rights comes after rulings by the court have put Britain almost at the top of the league for breaches of the European Convention on Human Rights. Britain has the third highest number of cases against it, after Italy and Turkey. In the past 30 years there have been 80 cases brought against Britain and breaches found in 37.

The Lord Chancellor will press for reforms in two key areas: first, over the way the European judges are selected; and second, over the criteria used by the court when reaching its decisions. Lord Mackay said: "My main aim is to try to ensure that the arrangements give us the best judges for this type of work as we can get, within the framework of the different member states that have a part to play in nominating people for the court."



Lord Mackay: he will urge vetting of judges

It was a question, he added, of trying to ensure that the people appointed were judges with a background in the work and were "sufficiently experienced in this area to be acceptable as judges in a court of considerable importance".

The Government is seeking some control over the nominations for the European Court put forward by member states. At present, these are almost always automatically endorsed by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe without question. The Government wants preliminary discussions between countries — a kind of vetting procedure — so that the names which finally emerge have wide backing. That could be coupled with proposals from the assembly to conduct interviews of potential candidates.

The second reform is over how the court reaches its decisions. Many critics feel it has gone beyond its remit by dealing with specific matters that should be left to member states. The Government wants to persuade the judges to adopt a more tolerant approach that takes account of the decisions of local democratic institutions and tribunals which, it says, "are best placed to assess issues this kind".

A Foreign Office document outlining the Government's position on both reforms says: "There is widespread agreement that the common standards of the convention have to be maintained. But equally it is widely recognised that differing circumstances and traditions in the way these standards are implemented in different countries have to be respected."

The future of the European Court of Human Rights has been thrown into focus because Britain has signed a protocol which will merge the court and commission, probably by 1998. The question of incorporation of the European Convention of Human Rights is backed by Labour as well as by senior judges.

CLIVE POSTLETHWAITE

Avis Mulhearn, parish council chairman, outside the boycotted church: "Right is on our side," she said

Villagers boycott church over plan to build on green

BY BILL FROST

VILLAGERS are boycotting parish services in protest over church plans to let property developers build on the green overlooking their community.

Planning permission has been granted for two large detached houses high on a hill at Sunningwell, near Abingdon, Oxfordshire. The Church of England, which owns the land, says that the money raised will be used to pay ministers' wages.

More than 30 worshippers are staying away from the 750-year-old church of Sunningwell St Leonard. Avis Mulhearn, chairman of the parish council, said yesterday: "This a beautiful place. Two new houses on the hill, dominating everything, would be a terrible eyesore. By ignoring our views, the Church is saying 'Sod you lot'.

"The green is used for games, fishing in the stream, walking dogs and blackberry picking. It is planning permission for two houses at the moment, but that's just the thin end of the wedge. This village was first mentioned in the Domesday Book. It shouldn't be blighted like this. The Church establishment may think they have won, but we have a few shots left. Our barrister is examining ways of seeking a judicial review. Right is on our side."

Terry Landsbert, secretary of the Oxford diocesan finance board, said that the boycott had been mounted by a vocal but unrepresentative group: "The project involves the construction of just two houses. We are like any other landowner and we have to do the best we can for the Church.

"Those behind this sad boycott do not seem to understand or care that we have a duty to invest money from the sale to pay stipends. It's a very sad piece of nimbyism."

The Rev Tom Gibbons, rector of the parish, said he felt trapped between warring factions and that his ministry had become a matter of attempting to rebuild goodwill in the community towards his employers. "At the moment, the church is the enemy of the village and it's very upsetting."

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An old man in Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, sells pomegranates to make ends meet. The state pension of £14 a month will not buy a daily loaf of bread

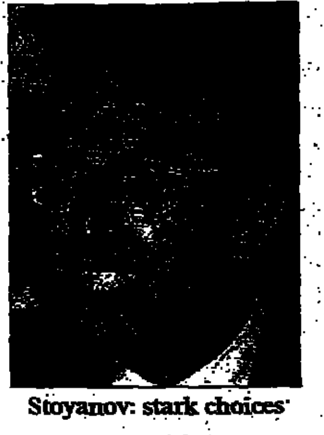
Bulgarians face bitter winter after harvest of failed reforms

Sofia's new rich enjoy a life of big cars and weekends in Vienna. For the rest, as the snows approach, it may be a case of *starving or freezing*, **Roger Boyes** *reports*

After supping at some fashionable restaurant, Bulgaria's new rich steer their Mercedes into the southern foothills of the Vitosha Mountain and switch off their mobile telephones. From their big white, double-garaged homes, they can see before them the whole of Sofia, darkly attractive, its misery camouflaged by a few flickering neon advertisements.

For these people with their weekends in Vienna, life must seem good in Bulgaria's limbo world where neither capitalism nor communism holds sway. But for Nadezhda, a doctor in the bruised northern part of town, where prematurely ageing suburbs give way to scrubland, the businessmen with their borrowed Western habits may as well be on the far side of the moon. The talk in real Sofia is of the rapid approach of the worst winter since 1920. Bulgaria, once the corn basket of Eastern Europe, is preparing for a season of bitter cold and hunger. If it happens, and the first snows are barely three weeks away, Europe will have a new emergency on its hands, for the Bulgarian Government is manifestly unable to cope. How could this happen to a country which has made its mark in the West with Cabernet Sauvignon, sheep's cheese and strawberry jam?

Ten years ago, Nadezhda treated me for a stomach infection. Then she had a decent wage, a small car and some kind of social standing. Now she is desperate. In her pantry she shows me 50 bottled jars of conserves: plums, mushrooms, apples. As inflation rattled out of control over the summer she, like millions of other Bulgarians, harvested her small allotment, foraged in forests and established a store more appropriate to the civil defence lesson she once sat through in school: how to survive a nuclear attack. Her neighbours have stockpiled potatoes, brought into town by farmers. Anyone with capital has bought a deep freeze to house a month or more of meat supplies, but since power cuts are on the way, it seems a doubtful investment.



Stoyanov: stark choices

All the Mayor of Sofia, Stefan Sofiyansky, can come up with is a network of soup kitchens, 30 of them to be sponsored by the authorities and complemented, he hopes, by private charity. The British Embassy and other expatriates plan to run a voluntary kitchen. The main beneficiaries are supposed to be pensioners living alone, outside the extended family. Their average pension is 5,000 leva, about £14 a month.

A few months ago a Bulgarian pensioner could have bought a loaf of bread a day on his allowance, nothing else. Now with inflation increasing at the rate of 20 per cent a month, even that daily loaf is no longer secure. Factory workers rush on pay day to the many currency exchange offices in Sofia and swop their leva earnings for marks or dollars: the only way of keeping the value of their wage.

Nadezhda makes a straightforward calculation. It carries authority since she is in charge of the household account. "Our heating bill is 7,000 leva, the electricity is 700, cold water is 550 and warm water around 1,200, the telephone comes to around 2,300 — and that's my salary." Her after-hours private consultations pay part of the food bill and her husband's wage as an electrician covers the cost of the car needed for her hospital job. That is the domestic arithmetic of a childless double-income couple, infinitely better off than most of the population, yet struggling to make ends meet. Two thirds of all Bulgarian households now live below the survival minimum of around 10,000 leva (£28) a month per household member.

After two years of socialist rule — which has slowed down and diverted reform — local inhabitants are beginning to realise that Bulgaria has become the sick man of Europe. There is no social safety net to catch those who fall off the wire.

In theory Bulgarians who cannot afford to pay for power can apply for exemption from the electricity board. The board in turn is supposed to get back the money from the Treasury. In practice, however, no pensioner can understand the compensation forms, the bureaucrats are deliberately intimidating and the electricity board does not trust the Government to make good the shortfall. And so, as Petar Stoyanov, the newly elected President, puts it: "There is only one real choice facing Bulgarians — whether to switch off the heating or to go without food." There are no household electric or gas meters in Bulgaria, so personal consumption cannot be measured; it is thus up to the city council whether and when to turn off the heating in the housing estates.

Six years ago, when communist rule crumbled throughout Eastern Europe, each country was confronted with a choice: to implement tough market reforms or make more gradual changes. Bulgaria could never quite make up its mind and so it ended up with a small self-enriching class, many of them former communists or secret policemen, who have semi-privatised state concerns and put themselves in charge Funds have been pouring ou of the country into Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

One difference between Bulgaria and the rest of the region is that the new rich have no become a lobby for reform they are hostile to the opening-up of the economy, jealous o foreign competition and protective of their privileges. The socialist Government, with close, personal and financial contacts to these magnates has been propping up rotte factories with apparently bottomless subsidies.

Hence the policing mission of the International Monetary Fund team. Before it pays ou a further tranche of $11 million (£70 million), which may help to pay for grain imports and keep the bakers working, it wants the Government to close down 64 factories. The Government seem ready to agree to this — t almost anything — eve though it will swell eve further the ranks of the unemployed. More than 700,00 Bulgarians, close to 16 per cen of the workforce, are without job. The trade unions ar planning to stage a genera strike a week tomorrow.

Bulgaria has muddle through previous crises. Thi year is different: the relationship between the city and th countryside, which has save the country in the past, ha started to break down.

Barely 10 per cent of th usual winter wheat and barle sowing was complete by th end of October; sunny weathe has helped but there is clearl not enough. The farmers hav been unable to obtain ban credit for seed (or for fodder) That is partly because th banks are in a mess — 14 hav just been closed — and partl because farmers cannot offe adequate security.

And so a country buckles. I Sofia's cafés and bistros, th young people are cheerfu about the decline. The hope i that when the final pig i slaughtered and when th Government admits defea "Europe" will come to th rescue. A friend from th opposition Union of Democratic Forces recalls a Gree fable of three frogs caught in a churn of milk. The first fro regards it as pointless t struggle and quickly drowns The second is sure everythin will be all right, and he als drowns. The third paddle with all his strength until th milk below him turns to butte and keeps him afloat. "That' it, don't you see!" booms th former dissident. "Two frog have died — now we've got t paddle for our lives."

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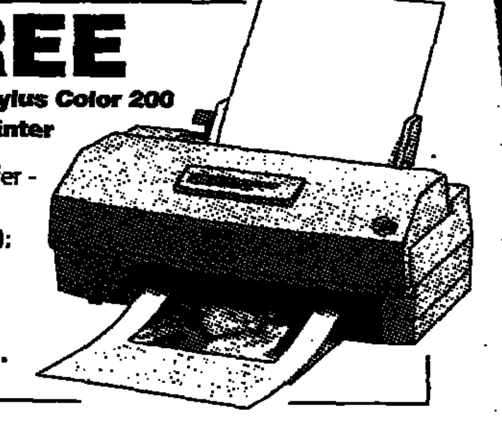

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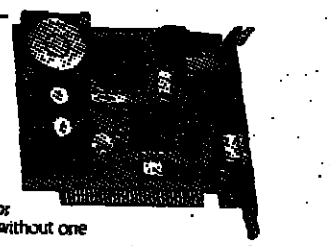

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Kohl forces coalition to back budget cuts for euro

By Roger Boyes

THE coalition Government of *Helmut Kohl*, strained almost to breaking point, yesterday finally agreed to DM3 billion (£1.2 billion) of additional public spending cuts aimed at keeping Germany on course for European monetary union.

The negotiations struggled to a close at midnight on Sunday and the Chancellor's relief was obvious yesterday. He had threatened to resign and plunge the country into a political crisis unless his coalition partners buckled down.

Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, clearly exhausted, hinted that he would be happy to hand the Treasury to the querulous liberal Free Democrats in the next Cabinet reshuffle. Volker Rühe, the Defence Minister, signalled that deep cuts in his budget would shoot down the multinational Eurofighter project as well as a spy satellite planned with the French.

In the event, the Chancellor stayed in power, the Finance Minister grudgingly returned to his desk and the Eurofighter seems to be secure. But it was a close-run thing and as even government politicians admitted last night the deal could still unravel.

Moreover, even if these and further savings keep Germany's deficit within the 3 per cent of gross domestic product needed to qualify for joining the single currency, the euro, there is big trouble ahead for the Government. The Free Democrats, the junior partner in the coalition, have linked their support for Herr Kohl with a government commitment to freezing taxes next year and actively cutting them in 1998. Yet, to meet the monetary union target for next year, many spending projects have been put on ice. They will have to be paid for, almost certainly by raising taxes.

The Free Democrats then have to decide what is best for their survival chances: to stick with Herr Kohl and tarnish their image as the tax-cutting party, or to stay true to their programme, abandon the Chancellor and risk a stint in opposition. The Government, in short, could still collapse over Maastricht.

The savings will come partly from lower subsidies to farmers and reductions in coal mining subsidies. Pit workers were protesting yesterday, banging drums outside the Free Democrats' headquarters in Bonn.

The Defence Minister will have to shed about £80 million. Herr Waigel emphasised that these cuts would not affect the Eurofighter, which is to be built in co-operation with Britain, Italy and Spain. His assurance was partly motivated by self-interest since many of the aerospace jobs guaranteed by the project are based in his home state of Bavaria.

The largest cuts, of about £400 million, will be from the Labour Ministry. This in turn has prompted speculation that Norbert Blüm, the Labour Minister, is at the end of his tether.

Rookwood, the £2.5 million house at Brook, Surrey, allegedly bought with its 350-acre estate by Asif Ali Zardari, Miss Bhutto's husband

Bhutto property deals under scrutiny

By Zahid Hussain
in Islamabad
and Lin Jenkins

OPPONENTS of Benazir Bhutto, the deposed Pakistani Prime Minister, have identified a string of properties in Britain and France on which criticism of alleged financial impropriety of Asif Ali Zardari, her husband, has focused.

One is a £2.5 million 350-acre estate boasting a main manor house, which is said to *be one of the most secluded* large houses in the Home Counties. It was sold three years ago amid great secrecy, with the estate agents kept unaware of the buyer as they concluded the sale through a London solicitor.

Miss Bhutto has a house in the South of France and her husband has two properties in Belgravia, London, and an estate in Normandy, bought in the name of his parents. All are being investigated by the interim administration in Islamabad. Rookwood in Brook, Surrey, nestles in a 26-acre park, has a private landing strip, two staff cottages and a separate gymnasium with tennis court and indoor swimming pool. When it was sold it had a master suite, a guest suite and seven other bedrooms. However, villagers say the Edwardian manor house has been much altered.

A fence 7ft high keeps onlookers on a public footpath at bay, security cameras are mounted and villagers said Pakistani security guards were patrolling the grounds.

This year, Miss Bhutto denied she was behind the purchase of the estate. However, documents obtained by her opponents in Pakistan show that Mr Zardari bought the house through an Isle of Man company.

He remains detained without charge while investigations are carried out into allegations that he amassed a fortune through corrupt dealings. As the son of a modest Karachi cinema owner, he had no inherited money and the source of the hard currency he used to finance property deals is raising questions.

Miss Bhutto, 43, said yesterday that she had no plans to leave Islamabad after moving out of the Prime Minister's residence in the wake of her removal by President Leghari. She said that she would not return to her home in Karachi because her three children were at school in the capital. She found herself the centre of criticism when she appointed her husband Minister for Investments in August. Opponents began investigating his financial dealings and there was an outcry in September when he was discovered to be paying for two luxury flats in London. The two flats, in Wilton Crescent, Belgravia, where flats are selling for about £500,000, were funded from the Channel Islands. His parents lived *in one, but recently were* planning to move.

The payments for the flats, owned by an offshore Jersey company, were made from a bank in Karachi to a mortgage account in Guernsey.

☐ Plane plan scrapped: Pakistan's caretaker Government scrapped Miss Bhutto's plan to buy an aircraft for government leaders, Irshad Ahmed Haqqani, the Information Minister, said yesterday. A Cabinet meeting also decided to revert to a six-day working week "to increase government output". *(AFP)*

The flats in Wilton Crescent, Belgravia, owned by the husband of Miss Bhutto

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Full frontal 'Lady C' for Japan

Tokyo: Japan, a nation where pornography is freely available, will soon have a chance to read an uncensored version of *Lady Chatterley's Lover*.

The Japanese publishing house Shinchosha said that a full translation of D.H. Lawrence's classic, including passages still officially banned, would be available on November 30. In 1950, the Japanese Supreme Court found a complete Japanese translation of the British author's book obscene and ordered about 80 pages of love scenes to be deleted. *(Reuter)*

Opium exports

Seoul: Impoverished North Korea is running a nationwide network of secret poppy farms to produce and export opium to earn hard currency, Hur Chang Girl, 47, a defector, has said. *(AP)*

23 die in bus

Tblisi: At least 23 people were killed and many injured when a bus plunged over a 180ft precipice on a mountain road in Georgia on Sunday and crashed into a river, the Interior Ministry said. *(Reuter)*

Killer honoured

Phnom Penh: Khmer Rouge guerrillas awarded "hero" status to Nuon Paet, a commander believed responsible for the murder of three Western hostages, including Mark Slater, a Briton, two years ago. *(AFP)*

Fruitbat virus

Sydney: Rabies vaccine has been flown to Australia to combat a potentially fatal virus in fruitbats. The rabies-related lyssavirus has infected a woman, 39, who is "serious" in a Brisbane hospital.

Yeltsin to address nation in days after good recovery

From Richard Beeston in Moscow

PRESIDENT YELTSIN has recovered so rapidly from the quintuple heart bypass surgery he underwent last Tuesday that he will soon be able to address the nation.

According to the Kremlin, he is expected within days to make either a radio or television broadcast in which he will set out his plans for returning to office and resuming his duties in full. Although Russians have repeatedly been assured that their leader will regain his full health within weeks, many people will be satisfied only when they see and hear him for themselves.

Yesterday Sergei Mironov, the Kremlin's chief doctor, said that Mr Yeltsin would continue recuperating at the Central Clinical Hospital for another ten days before moving to the Barvikha Sanitorium for a month's convalescence.

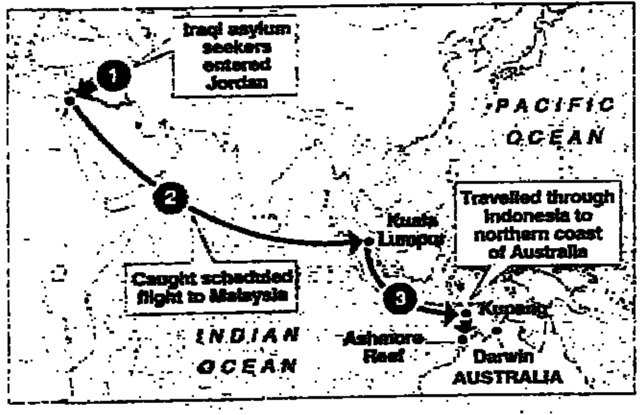
Earlier Mr Yeltsin issued a written statement condemning the murder on Sunday of 13 mourners in a Moscow cemetery. The gangland incident was the bloodiest of its kind in Russian history and highlighted the need for Mr Yeltsin to resume office to tackle organised crime.

"I learnt with grief about the terrorist act at the Kotlyakovskoye Cemetery in Moscow," he said. "I express my condolences to the relatives and close friends of those who were killed. I have ordered the legal authorities to carry out a thorough investigation of all details of this bloody crime."

☐ **Vilnius:** Vytautas Landsbergis, the Lithuanian independence leader, made a spectacular political comeback yesterday when his party emerged as the clear winner of a second round of parliamentary elections.

Mr Landsbergis sealed his return to power four years after being rejected by voters in favour of his old foes, the former Communists of the Lithuanian Democratic Labour Party. He is expected to become Speaker of the new parliament, which some commentators say will allow him to prepare for a fight for the presidency in 1998. *(Reuter)*

Iraqi asylum-seekers on coral isle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Sydney: Thirty-six Iraqis, mainly professional men, are seeking asylum in Australia after being found on a coral island north of Darwin (Roger Maynard writes). Their journey began with a nighttime drive across desert into Jordan before catching a scheduled flight to Malaysia. From Kuala Lumpur, they reached Indonesia and went on to the East Timorese port of Kupang, where they met smugglers known as "snakeheads" who ferried them to Ashmore Reef.

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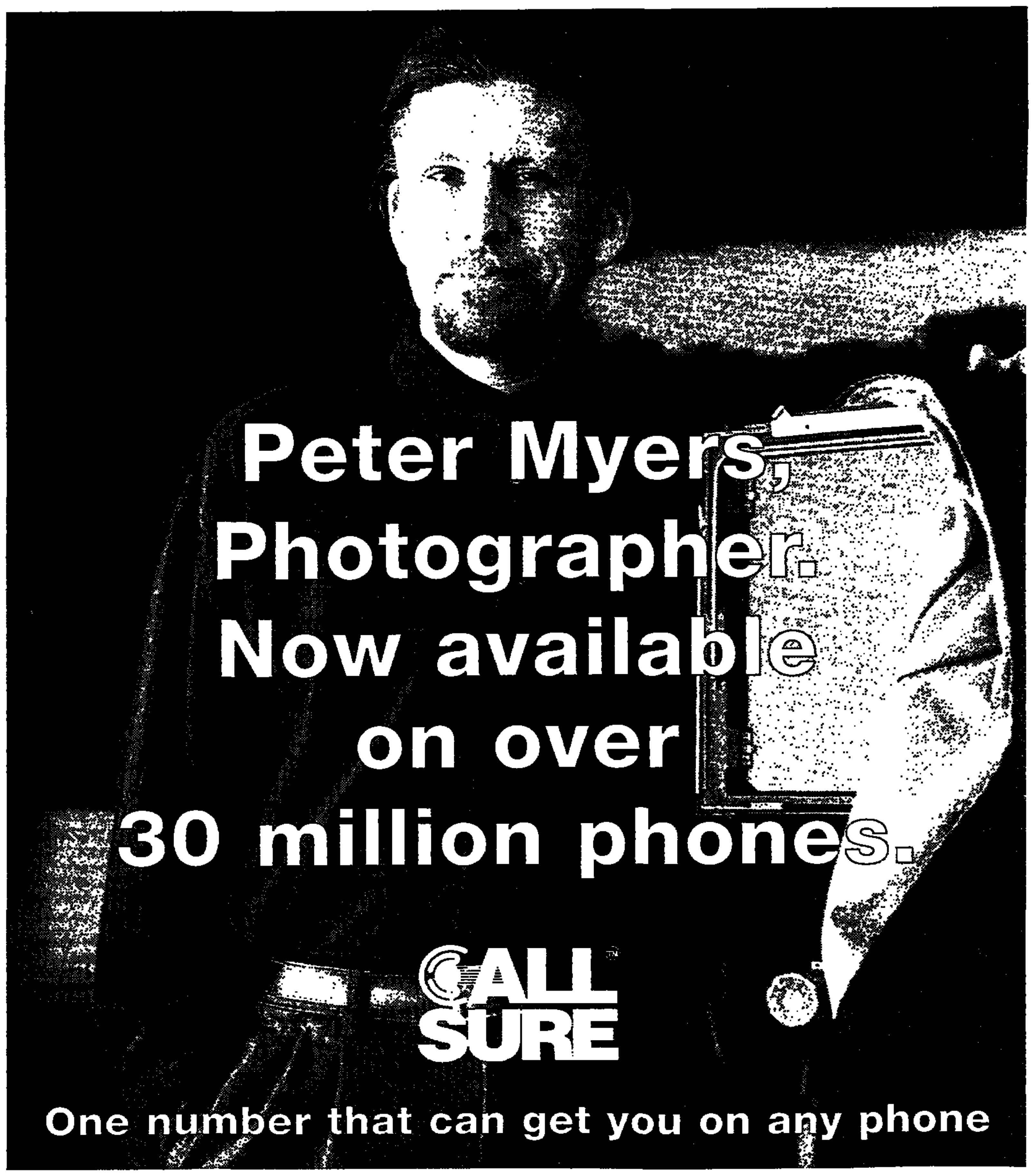
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Food and medical aid trickle into Goma refugee camp as 'funding frenzy' starts

Zaire rebel chief warns Hutus of counter-attack

As ethnic hostilities continue, **Sam Kiley** in Goma reports the clash between aid agencies on who should be fed and where

LAURENT KABILA, the Zairean rebel leader, issued a warning yesterday he would order an end to his unilateral ceasefire with the Rwandan Hutu militia if they continued to shell Goma with mortars.

Mr Kabila, chief of the Alliance for Democracy and Liberation (Congo/Zaire), said he would attack Mugunga refugee camp in "one or two days" if Hutu militiamen continued their nightly attacks.

Mortar salvoes, some landing close to a hotel occupied by journalists, have been a daily occurrence at about 6pm. Several people, including women and children, have been killed in what appears to be the random shelling of the city to spread terror among its citizens. "We cannot tolerate this situation any longer," said Mr Kabila, indicating that his men may already be planning to attack Mugunga.

A thin trickle of food and medicine arrived for the people of Goma yesterday, signalling the start of a coming funding frenzy as aid agencies compete for money to finance a massive relief operation for Rwandan Hutu refugees in the Mugunga camp.

First into Goma, and first to be captured by television cameras, was Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), leaders of what has become known as "the agony industry", the multibillion pound business of giving. The French-based relief agency rolled into town with two pickups loaded with badly needed drugs for Goma's hospitals, cut off from supplies for a week.

Next came half a dozen trucks from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), loaded with biscuits for distribution in a hungry city closed down by fighting between eastern Zaire's rebels and Hutu extremists, now gathered in Mugunga. Both organisations court media coverage as a way of generating funding for their work, but have vastly different philosophies which will be tested over the coming weeks when Mugunga is finally accessible. Led by Care UK, many aid agencies have started to question their role in conflicts and ask whether, as in Liberia, Bosnia, and Somalia, they may actually do more harm than good as their resources become assets which are fought over.

Others, like the UNHCR and the International Committee of the Red Cross, have been accused of hiding behind the "humanitarian imperative", which dictates that their mission is to bring aid to the suffering without political implications. The debate over what should be done about the Rwandan Hutu refugees in eastern Zaire has divided the aid community since the Hutus fled retribution for the genocide of a million people in 1994.

Last year MSF pulled out of the camps, saying that many were nothing short of military bases using a captive civilian population as a cover. The year before, Care Canada refused to work in the Katale camp, a notorious hotbed of Hutu extremism, after being threatened by members of the *Interahamwe*, the Hutu militia which killed Tutsis and Hutu moderates at a rate of 37,500 a day in 1994.

Care Australia insisted it should stay in Katale to run health clinics, an orphanage and a maternity unit using the much-cited explanation that "women and children should not be allowed to suffer". The Lutheran World Federation picked up the UN contract to distribute food dropped by Care Canada without missing a day.

The charred bones of several Zairean women and children coated with molten plastic from the roof now lie covered by a thin layer of dirt where they were burned alive by the *Interahamwe* — some of them probably Care Australia employees — in the Katale maternity clinic.

Scenes such as this have meant that there is a growing consensus among aid organisations, of which Care, MSF and Oxfam are among the largest and most influential, that the 500,000 refugees believed to be in Mugunga camp should be given only enough resources to keep them alive. All other aid, they say, should aim at luring them home to Rwanda, 15 miles away. But many agencies have been reluctant to sign an agreement which would insist that all funding be dependent on this.

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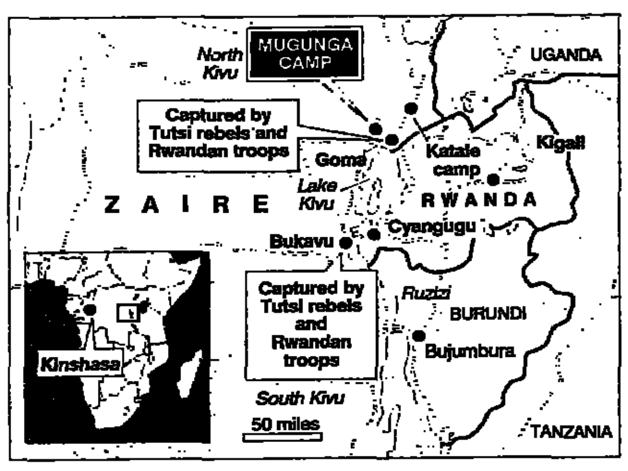


PETER ANDREWS/REUTER

A Zairean refugee, one of about 300 who crossed into Rwanda on Sunday, climbs on to a truck to start her journey to Mutura camp

French put Mobutu back in driving seat

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

ZAIRE'S President Mobutu, once cold-shouldered by Paris, has been transformed in the French Government' eyes into a revered elder statesman and his enormous country's most-likely saviour.

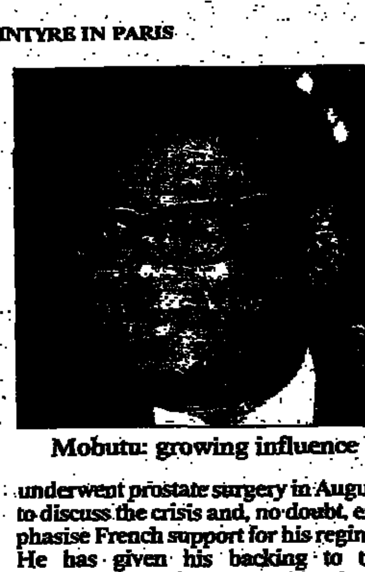
With every day that the eastern Zaire crisis intensifies, and the President extends his convalescence in the South of France, Paris believes his strategic position is strengthened and calls for his return grow in volume.

Until recently the Zairean ruler — ailing with prostate cancer, out of touch and internationally shunned — appeared increasingly irrelevant. Now a return to French favour has made him the key figure in Zaire's future. He is playing the situation with all the guile that has kept him in power and funds for three decades.

France sees him as the last bulwark against chaos, the only figure with sufficient clout to restore political stability. President Chirac insists he is "the best man to represent his country and find a political solution", while the French Foreign Ministry repeatedly, if over-optimistically, calls him as "a guarantor of stability". France's rediscovered respect stands in stark contrast to the official view from Paris in the early 1990s when the staggering corruption, abuse of human rights and lack of democratic reform under his iron rule made the President persona non grata. Before he arrived in the French Riviera last week, he had been permitted to visit his vast Côte d'Azur villa only once, for a dental appointment, since its 1987 purchase.

The process of rehabilitating President Mobutu, formerly one of France's closest African allies, began more than two years ago when he allowed French troops to use his country as a base for Operation Turquoise — the French "humanitarian intervention" in Rwanda in June 1994. Last April he was allowed to visit Paris and address an international affairs forum. Now the French have declared that he can stay in France as long as he wants, while quietly pressing him to return home and exert his authority.

Charles Pasqua, the former Interior Minister, and M Chirac's chief aide both paid discreet visits to President Mobutu in Switzerland, where he underwent prostate surgery in August, to discuss the crisis and, no doubt, emphasise French support for his regime. He has given his backing to the French proposal for a multinational security force in Zaire, but so far has shown few signs of hurrying home. Last week, his aides were predicting he would fly back "in a few days". Now the expected departure date has grown to "a few weeks".



Mobutu: growing influence

Kinshasa is rife with rumours that the President himself gave orders not to ship heavy weapons to eastern Zaire, allowing Rwandan-backed forces to overrun Zairean troops and thus presenting the Zairean leader with an opportunity to return in triumph and demonstrate his continued hold on the country.

Whatever his pledges of support for international action, President Mobutu is unlikely to stir from the Villa del Mare until or unless a weighty contingent of friendly French troops is in place in eastern Zaire. He has offered few details about his precise state of health, and if the Zairean situation worsens officials predict a time-buying "relapse".

For many French Africa-watchers, the game is a familiar one in which the President, veteran poker player that he is, holds most cards. Refugees are dying in eastern Zaire as the international community debates what to do.

As he enjoys the warm breezes of the French Riviera, Zaire's leader can recuperate and observe events from a distance, apparently convinced that the longer the game, the better his chances of winning.

Mandela will send help but only with UN support

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

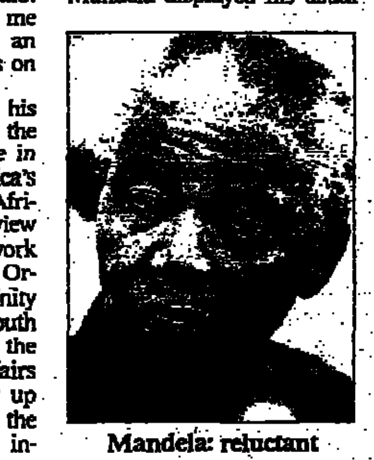
A PEACEKEEPING role for South African troops in Zaire has been ruled out by President Mandela unless they are part of an international operation backed by the United Nations.

But the President said in an interview with *The Times* that it was wrong to assume he was reluctant to act on African problems. It was important that action should be taken in a disciplined manner through existing structures and in consultation with other African leaders.

"People should not forget that I am very new in the position and interacting with leaders who have been handling [the Central African question] from as long ago as when I was in prison," he said. "It would be arrogant for me to want to be used as an individual to put out fires on the continent."

Mr Mandela explained his resistance to calls from the "big powers" to intervene in the context of South Africa's past role in destabilising African countries and of his view that it was best to work through the UN and the Organisation of African Unity (OAU). He said the South African defence force and the Department of Foreign Affairs had been asked to draw up plans on ways in which the country could become involved in eastern Zaire and he guaranteed that he would agree to a request for help from the UN and OAU if it was within their capabilities.

On the question of whether he should use his international stature to help in solving problems, Mr Mandela spoke about the diplomatic manoeuvres over Nigeria and his exhaustive, yet fruitless, efforts to push its military regime towards democracy. He suggested that only countries with considerable economic muscle, such as Britain and the United States, could influence policies in countries such as Nigeria. "Even if I have any moral authority, moral authority does not solve world problems," he said. Mr Mandela displayed his usual charm cloaking an iron will. The trademark colourful, loose-fitting shirt and sunny smile lend a youthful air, but at 78 he admits age is catching up on him.



Mandela: reluctant

Two and a half years after he was sworn in, the euphoria has evaporated and his Government's record is under fire. Outwardly the man who is a symbol of hope to millions across the world appears at ease, but there is a palpable sense of frustration, even hurt, over criticism of his Government at home and abroad.

Slow delivery of socio-economic development, endemic crime and the slow pace of foreign investment are targets of criticism. The falling rand and squabbles within the African National Congress have lately filled the headlines. In turn, Mr Mandela has raised eyebrows by hitting out at critical journalists and members of his party.

Mr Mandela, passionately defended efforts at national reconciliation. Asked about criticism by black commentators that he spends too much time worrying about the concerns of whites, he denounced "superficial" black journalists who had failed to grasp that white skills and money benefited the country and that the alternatives were grim.

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Strike call clashes delay Mugabe

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

PRESIDENT MUGABE further delayed a trip to Italy yesterday as Zimbabwean riot police broke up a planned protest march by trade unions, human rights groups and churches in support of striking medical workers.

About 50 police pounced without warning on 200 people who had gathered at the Harare magistrates' court building in preparation for a march into the city centre, firing teargas and beating them with batons.

The clashes followed a call for a two-day general strike by the unions. Among those arrested was Morgan Tsvangirai, secretary-general of the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions. He was released later without charges, and announced that union leaders had called a nationwide strike to protest against the Government's uncompromising handling of a stoppage by state health staff that has paralysed the capital's main hospitals for three weeks.

Mr Mugabe was due to leave for the World Food Summit in Rome on Sunday, but was still in Harare yesterday, and no explanation was offered by officials. Also yesterday, Michael Nowak, the International Monetary Fund divisional chief for Southern Africa, said Zimbabwe had failed to qualify for lending because its budget deficit was "simply too high" as a result of excessive state spending.

He indicated the bank's displeasure with President Mugabe, who last month called the institution a

AFRICA SUMMARY

University shut after poll riots

Lusaka: The University of Zambia was closed indefinitely yesterday after the police used teargas and batons to disperse hundreds of students rioting about next Monday's parliamentary and presidential elections.

A student leader was reported under arrest and several were injured in clashes when a planned march on President Chiluba's official residence was stopped. *(AP)*

Mayors held over genocide

Nairobi: Belgium has detained and transferred two former Rwandan Mayors to the United Nations detention facility in Arusha, northern Tanzania. Eli Ndayambaje and Joseph Kanyabashi are wanted by the international tribunal that is hunting the organisers of Rwanda's 1994 genocide. *(Reuter)*

Dead popular

Port Elizabeth: George Sogcwe, 65, an Eastern Cape man, staged a mock funeral, with himself in a coffin, to test his popularity. "I wanted to know what people would say about me when I am dead," he said, expressing himself happy with the result. *(AFP)*

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BAe wins £1bn Australian Hawk trainers contract

By Oliver August

BRITISH AEROSPACE, the defence manufacturer, has won a £1 billion contract to supply the Australian air force with Hawk training aircraft.

Selection of the Hawk over Italian and American competitors was clinched on the basis of BAe building new production facilities in Australia.

Only the first 12 Hawks out of an order of 40 will be manufactured at BAe workshops in Britain, boosting job security for thousands of highly-skilled technicians in Wharton, Lancashire, and Brough, East Riding. A spokesman for BAe, said even though the licensed production abroad created no new jobs in Britain, the order had strengthened the defence manufacturing community in the North West.

He said: "We are growing very strongly in Australia at the sharp end of our business. In fact, we have 43 years of history in Australia. The first 12 planes are being built in the UK because the Australians want them quickly."

Ian McLachlan, the Australian Defence Minister, said: "British Aerospace's bid was selected after detailed evaluation across a wide range of areas, including aircraft design and performance, costs and Australian industry involvement proposals."

During the bidding process, BAe committed itself to limiting the British production run to 12 aircraft. After their delivery, production will be shifted to Williamtown air force base in Newcastle, Australia, where the fleet will be maintained.

The Hawks, a variant of the standard Hawk 100 model, will replace elderly Italian aircraft for introductory training of combat jet pilots. Hawks are fitted with Rolls-Royce engines, which will be assembled and maintained by Qantas Airways in Australia. Production of the Australian Hawk aircraft will begin in early 1997 with handover of the first aircraft by mid-1999.

Australia's selection of the Hawk takes the number of countries that have ordered the aircraft to 15. It is said to be the most successful training aircraft in the world with more than 700 built or on order.

BAe and the Australian Government remained silent on the price for the 40 aircraft, but industry insiders said total costs would rise to £1 billion over the 25-year life of the project. This would involve a variety of costs such as setting up production in Australia.

The concept of producing BAe aircraft abroad under licensing agreements was pioneered with the building of BAe's Harrier aircraft by McDonnell Douglas in America.

In the tender for the Australian training jet, however, McDonnell Douglas was competing with BAe, offering a US Navy version of the Hawk. But its offer was eliminated in September.

BAe's only other competitor was Italy's Aeracchi, which had offered its MB.399FD trainer. BAe's selection is subject to the negotiation of the final contract.

The Australian defence department has previously said that up to 40 aircraft would be needed, but it will leave it to the successful tenderer to decide how many aircraft would be required to fulfil the training schedules.

BAe's shares yesterday closed unchanged at £11.49.

Labour toughens inflation stance

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

LABOUR yesterday toughened up its anti-inflation policy, insisting that in government it would be able to meet a 2.5 per cent inflation target in the medium term, unlike the Conservatives.

While Labour set no lower target than the current Government's, Labour leaders insisted their declaration meant that a future Labour Government would be "tougher on inflation than the Tories."

Labour signalled its latest policy statement on inflation in a speech by Gordon Brown, Shadow Chancellor, to business leaders. Insisting that in government, Labour would have "a target for low and stable inflation," Mr Brown said: "We will not be satisfied with simply talking as tough as the Tories. For unlike the Government, we plan to deliver on our inflation target. We will want our inflation performance to match that of our competitors in Europe."

In a speech to the Confederation of British Industry's annual conference in Harrogate, Mr Brown said that inflation undermined business success, created instability, harmed investment, and took years to rectify. Labour pointed out that underlying inflation is currently 2.9 per cent, and that over the past four years, the 2.5 per cent target figure had only been hit in eight months.

Mr Brown insisted that with greater stability and more consistent and credible monetary policy institutions, "never again should interest rate decisions affecting the long term appear to be manipulated for short-term party political ends."

Today's CBI conference will debate economic and monetary union and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, is among the key speakers at the conference.

Britain's business leaders were urged by trade unions to join them in a common approach to the Government after the general election. Ignoring contentious areas of difference, the unions set out an agenda for a "new form of partnership" between business and the unions which rejected both industrial conflict and previous, over-formal, ways of employers and employees working together.

Business leaders immediately welcomed the call from John Monks, the TUC General Secretary, to set out areas of agreement, though they held back from agreeing to a post-election common approach to the Government.

However, the CBI and the TUC yesterday launched a new joint set of performance measures aimed at improving employee relations in Britain. In the first-ever speech by a TUC General Secretary to a CBI annual conference, Mr Monks said there were issues such as a minimum wage, union representation and the EU social chapter on which business and the unions were not in agreement. But he said: "What I would ask is: can we not find more common ground? Would not a common approach from the CBI and the TUC produce a positive response from whoever forms the next Government?"

He laid out seven specific areas which could form the core of such a common approach. A commitment to sound and balanced macro-economic policy, including low inflation and low unemployment; a recognition of the challenge of competitiveness; an acknowledgement of Britain's place as an integral part of the EU; a priority to education and training; a rejection of moves to scrap the Training and Enterprise Councils; the need for a well-developed infrastructure; and an acceptance of the importance of technology.

Adair Turner, CBI Director General, said: "We broadly agree with the seven key policy issues raised by Mr Monks" and accepted it was a good idea to emphasise points of agreement rather than difference.

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Francis Baron promoting holidays, helped by models Paula Hamilton, left, and Kathy Lloyd

Deposed chief of First Choice qualifies for £640,000 payoff

By Paul Durman

FIRST CHOICE Holidays will pay £640,000 in compensation to Francis Baron, the chief executive deposed in a boardroom coup at the weekend. According to company sources, Mr Baron's contract includes a "liquidated damages" clause entitling him to two years' salary.

Mr Baron, 50, joined First Choice three years ago when it was still Owners Abroad. Since then, the company's shares have underperformed the FT All-Share index by nearly 45 per cent.

Mr Baron's departure may clear the way for First Choice to cut its dividend payment. It is understood that Mr Baron strongly opposed a cut because of the assurances the company gave to shareholders at the time of last year's £44 million rights issue. The company's newer directors — including Peter Long, promoted yesterday to chief executive — are said to feel less committed to maintaining the dividend.

In a statement to the Stock Exchange, First Choice said that Mr Baron was asked to leave after a breakdown in his working relationship with executive colleagues. Mr Baron's fellow directors became unhappy at his autocratic management style, and his reluctance to involve them in decision-making.

It was suggested that pressure for his removal was led by the directors who have joined the company in the last year — David Gill, finance director, Ken Smith, managing director of the Air 2000 charter airline, and Mr Long, who joined last month as managing director of the company's UK tour operating division. Mr Long was the founder of Sunworld Holidays, the tour operator sold to Thomas Cook, the travel agent, for £38 million in July.

Michael Julien, chairman of First Choice, thanked Mr Baron for his work on rebranding the business, a process that led the company to drop some of its weaker brands. Although First Choice has given about a tougher-than-expected summer, Mr Julien said that booking levels for next year looked encouraging. After the warning in July, some analysts forecast that First Choice would only make about £10 million in the year just ended. This would leave the dividend payment uncovered.

Mr Baron, who previously worked for WH Smith, said that he had helped First Choice to create "one of the best brand franchises in the UK travel industry", and he was leaving the company in the best of shape.

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FFr	8.3502	(8.3775)
SFr	2.0751	(2.0869)
Yen	183.13	(183.47)
£ Index	90.5	(90.8)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4980*	(1.5048)
FFr	5.0682*	(5.0880)
SFr	1.2600*	(1.2645)
Yen	111.09*	(111.73)
$ Index	96.0	(96.2)

Tokyo close Yen 111.67

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jan)	$22.80	($22.60)

GOLD

London close	$380.75	($378.95)

* denotes midday trading price

Duty free

BAA, the airports group, plans to double the size of its duty-free retailing business over the next five years. The group, which yesterday revealed a slowdown in passenger growth at Heathrow during October, has launched a new subsidiary called World Duty Free, aimed at taking a larger share of the $21 billion worldwide market in tax-free sales to airline travellers.

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Emap plans

Emap, the media group, has no plans to replace two rebel non-executive directors, Joe Cooke and Professor Ken Simmonds. Emap is asking shareholders to vote them off the board at next month's extraordinary general meeting.

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Cost of oil lifts output prices

By Alasdair Murray

A SURGE in the cost of oil helped to push factory gate prices higher in October — although underlying output prices remained relatively subdued, suggesting that there is little immediate threat of inflation feeding through to the shops.

Separate figures published yesterday by the British Retail Consortium (BRC) show that although high street sales remain strong, growth seems to be levelling off.

The two sets of figures are likely to cheer Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, who is under increasing pressure from the Bank of England and the City to make further interest rate increases. Eddie George, Governor of the Bank, yesterday said — before the release of the data — that a further rise would probably be needed if the Government is to reach its 2.5 per cent inflation target.

Output prices increased 0.2 per cent in October, according to data supplied by the Office for National Statistics, taking the annual rate to 2.3 per cent, compared with 2.2 per cent in September.

However, the core measure of factory gate price inflation, which excludes food, beverages, tobacco and petroleum, remained flat, at 0.9 per cent — its lowest level for 30 years.

Economists said that the rise in oil prices, which have jumped 44 per cent over the past year, was the main cause of the rise in output prices. Input prices, which reflect the cost of raw materials for manufacturers, rose 0.5 per cent compared with September — although the annual rate fell 2 per cent.

Jonathan Loynes, UK economist with HSBC, said: "Much of the oil increase is being absorbed by the producers themselves, and other cost pressures remain extremely subdued." Analysts added that the recent rise in sterling is also expected to keep prices under control.

The BRC monitor of high street sales showed an annual rise of 5.9 per cent in October, compared with 5.2 per cent in September. However, the BRC said that October's rise was in line with the three-month average from August to October of 6 per cent.

Andrew Sentance, chief economic adviser to the BRC, said: "The rate of increase is steady, rather than accelerating. There is little evidence in these numbers of the runaway consumer boom being conjured up by some commentators."

Clothes and furniture had especially strong sales in October. Footwear sales rose after a dip in September. However, the BRC said the market overall was still very competitive.

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Barclays employee sues for breach of contract

By Robert Miller, banking correspondent

A BARCLAYS executive is suing the bank for substantial damages for alleged breach of contract over a property bridging loan in a case that, if successful, could open the door to a further 39 similar claims from Barclays employees.

Robert French, an incentives and office manager at Barclays who was formerly an investment services manager, claims the bank broke its contract with him after he was instructed to move jobs from Oxford to East London in early 1989. Mr French, whose case before Judge Barnett in the High Court in London is backed by Unifi, the Barclays staff union, was given an interest-free bridging loan to help him to move house.

When the property market crashed, Mr French, who is represented by Stafford Young Jones, the law firm, was unable to sell his Oxfordshire home. The union claims that Barclays threatened to charge interest on the loan unless Mr French agreed to sell the property to the bank's agent at its then market value. This was £40,000 less than the loan and valuation agreed with Barclays, according to Unifi. The union added that Mr French's mortgage on his new property in Billericay, Essex, together with the interest, would have been greater than his salary.

Mr French subsequently sold his Oxfordshire home to the bank's agent and, it was claimed, he was left with borrowings he could not sustain and Barclays now owned a share of his home.

Barclays Bank said it was contesting Mr French's allegations "vigorously". The case continues.

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THE CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Heseltine speech fails to spark business leaders

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE GOVERNMENT made a clear appeal for the support of British business yesterday when Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, proclaimed the mutual achievement of business and the Conservatives in creating "unequalled" economic prospects for Britain.

But despite the vigour of Mr Heseltine's case for the UK's revitalised economic performance, business leaders at the Confederation of British Industry's annual conference judged he had not succeeded in winning them over.

Mr Heseltine used his keynote speech to the CBI's conference in Harrogate to detail what he said was Britain's "phenomenal progress" during the Conservative's period of office to arrest the UK's relative economic decline.

He cited low inflation, low taxes, low interest rates, falling unemployment, 750,000 more people in work, one million new small firms, a slashed strike record, increased output, higher efficiency and high levels of inward investment by foreign companies. He told the conference: "When I stand back and survey the industrial and commercial Britain of today, I frankly marvel at the changes."

In a clear call for continuing business support as Labour leaders arrived at the CBI conference to press home their case for business backing for new Labour, Mr Heseltine emphasised the mutual independence of business and the Conservatives.

He said: "We in Government could not have done it without you — but you could not have done it without us." He said the result of "17 years of determined endevour is that we now have prospects unequalled in my lifetime."

Insisting that the Government "had the guts to make it happen", he coupled his claims for Britain's economic success with a strong attack on Labour's plans for a windfall tax on the privatised utilities.

He denied Labour's claims that utility companies had stockpiled £5 billion in cash to meet the cost of the windfall tax levied by a future Labour Government. He said: "I don't believe companies stack up cash on that scale as though they had no use for it. That cash — that tax — means lower investment, higher prices, or both." The tax, he said, was a proposed levy on all 8 million shareholders in gas, water and electricity.

Sir Colin Marshall, CBI president, welcomed Mr Heseltine's address as a clear illustration of Britain's economic successes. But most business leaders were sceptical. One trade association head said: "It was a speech looking for a theme," while another said: "It was just a long list of claims — like a bad Department of Trade and Industry press release."

Another said: "We see Heseltine at the Conservative conference or in Commons shooting out sparks. But when he comes here, he delivers a 'business' speech and that just disappoints everyone."

A leading private sector company said: "Benchmarking, business initiatives and listing the Government's achievements are all very well. But with Labour pushing hard on business now, Heseltine needs to do better than this."

ICI criticised for changing its aims

By Christine Buckley

ICI was criticised for replacing long-term aims by short-term targets in CBI conference attacks on short-sighted corporate governance.

John Kay, chairman of London Economics, said that ICI had shifted its objectives radically from 1988, when its annual report had declared that its aim was to be "the world's leading chemical company, serving customers internationally through the innovative and responsible application of chemistry and related sciences". The declaration added: "Through achievement of our aim, we will enhance the wealth and well-being of our shareholders, our employees, our customers and the communities which we serve in."

Professor Kay said that, after Hanson's hostile move on ICI, the declaration changed to: "Our objective is to maximise value for our shareholders by focusing on businesses where we have market leadership, a technological edge and a world competitive cost base."

Such devotion to market triggers could undermine the market system rather than underpin it, he said.

Sir David Barnes, Zeneca chief executive, told the conference that some companies were over-zealous in dividend policy, and that some "may feel they have to pay a dividend that is overly high". He also said there was a need for flexibility to recognise that businesses varied in size and maturity.

Alastair Ross Goobey, head of Hermes Pensions Management, said short-term rewards could cloud firms' long-term decisions.

BOB COLLIER

Bill Gates, addressing CBI delegates on a giant video screen, described the Internet as the world's biggest marketplace

Gates sings Internet's praises

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

THE STREAM of information into homes and businesses will soon be thought of as essential as basic utilities, Bill Gates, the head of Microsoft, told the CBI yesterday.

In a video interview, Mr Gates said that sophisticated banks of information "will almost be like we think of electricity or water today".

He told business leaders that the changes wrought by the information society mark the biggest changes for commerce "than anything we've seen in the last 30 or 40 years".

The head of the world's biggest computer software company said that the Internet, the global network of computers, represented the most radical change in marketing and sales opportunities. He said that business had been used to limiting its markets geographically and defining its markets by limits, but the Internet is now able to redefine those boundaries. He said: "It is the world's biggest marketplace."

Mr Gates's call for business to be aware of the march of technology was echoed by other global communications groups. Sir Peter Bonfield, chief executive of British Telecom, said the competitiveness of business hinged on effective management of the information technology.

Sir Peter said such rationale lay behind BT's proposed merger with MCI of the US. "We have to face up to the most significant and far-reaching transformation in human society since the industrial revolution," he said.

John Goulding, chairman and managing director of Hewlett Packard, told a depleted audience that competitiveness in business was "all a matter of getting to the future first". He added: "Business survival depends on the ability to respond to market demands and trends, to receive and impart information, to price goods and services correctly . . . to manage information."

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'Untrained and unemployable'

THE poor state of training for employment was yesterday blamed by business leaders for making young people virtually unemployable (Christine Buckley writes).

Complaints about training and education's ability to form a good basis for working needs recurred throughout the conference, ranging from problems with employee relations to an inability to keep up with opportunities offered by technological advances.

Brian Shenton, head of Careskills, said that some 16-year-olds were coming out of school "virtually unemployable". Dominic Cadbury, chairman of Cadbury Schweppes and chairman of the CBI's education and training affairs committee, said that industry was suffering because there was so little training in the areas crucial to businesses. Mr Cadbury also bemoaned the fact that very few companies qualified for the investors in people standard, the government initiative to promote training.

John Monks, general secretary of the TUC, said that training should be a key part of a joint approach from the CBI and unions to cement good industrial relations.

HEARD IN HARROGATE

☐ **Michael Heseltine (Deputy Prime Minister):**

Soundbite 1: "I am not in the soundbite business."

Soundbite 2: "The future is about opportunities."

Soundbite 3: "The competition will never relent."

Soundbite 4: "Change is never easy."

☐ Alastair Ross Goobey (chief executive of Hermes Pensions Management) on stakeholder guru John Kay's "changed perceptions" about his theory: "There is no doubt that John has undergone a Damascene conversion. The question is whether the blindness has been reversed yet."

☐ **Chris Patten (Governor of Hong Kong), jokingly opening a post-CBI speech press conference: "Questions are not compulsory, but if anybody has any I will do my best to avoid answering them."**

And Mr Patten on the Deputy Prime Minister: "Mr Heseltine has years of vigour and oratory ahead of him, as well as years of being one of the greatest arborealists of our times."

☐ Martin Broughton (CBI companies' committee chairman) endorsed the view of Sir David Barnes, Zeneca chief executive, that "corporate governance is like an elastic band" though he said it was "currently stretched to the limit to encompass the many activities of the corporation, but capable of being tightened too much and restricting activity".

☐ **Sir Colin Marshall (BA chairman and CBI President), referring to the opening CBI dinner at which Richard Lambert, Financial Times editor, spoke and a conjuror performed tricks: "I don't know whose idea it was to put a newspaper editor and an illusionist on the same bill — but it seemed to go down pretty well with the politicians."**

☐ Gordon Brown, Labour's Shadow Chancellor, on Labour as the party of business: "I want — and it is my hope for the future — my party, and indeed all political parties, to be seen as pro-business parties."

PHILIP BASSETT

Fidelity chief is replaced

By Robert Miller

THE head of Fidelity Brokerage, the UK retail stockbroking arm of the world's largest fund manager, has been replaced less than two weeks after a City watchdog made it cease recruiting new clients.

Fidelity Brokerage said that David Plucinsky, 47, is taking a special assignment and is succeeded by Kenneth Rathgeber, who becomes acting president while "operational difficulties" with a new computer system are overcome.

The Securities and Futures Authority, the watchdog for brokers, last month told Fidelity Brokerage to stop signing up clients until January, after the firm failed to resolve "operational difficulties resulting from converting to a new computer system and increased volume of business". Some clients have already been compensated for loss of interest after items were not credited to accounts on time.

Lang sets out 2020 vision of global free trade market

By Oliver August

IAN LANG, President of the Board of Trade, yesterday held up the creation of global free trade as Britain's mission for the year 2020.

In a controversial new White Paper he states that the free flow of trade and investment, unhindered by quotas, tariffs or technical barriers, is vital for world economic growth and would strengthen Britain's trade and investment efforts. Mr Lang said: "This White Paper is a plan of action to achieve free trade that we hope all countries of the world will support."

The Government will press for the start of comprehensive multilateral negotiations to achieve global free trade, at next month's World Trade Organisation meeting in Singapore. Mr Lang said: "We now see an opportunity for spreading the open markets message on a truly global scale. The Government has a target of global free trade by 2020 — our 2020 vision."

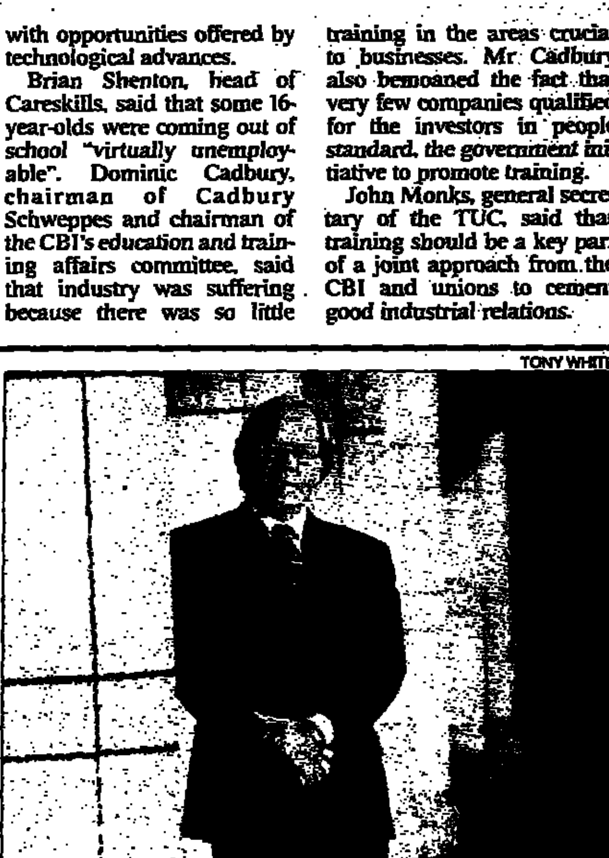
While the issue of free trade in itself is uncontroversial, Mr Lang was embarrassed by comments on the White Paper made by the Prime Minister. A leaked letter from John Major's private secretary to the Foreign Office said: "The Prime Minister noted there is not much of the paper which can be seen as identifiably new and that distilling from it a convincing action plan may not be easy."

Labour derided the White Paper as a waste of civil servants' time.

As a first step towards greater trade awareness, Mr Lang proposed new links between the Foreign Office and the Department of Trade and Industry, which already run the Government's export services. Now the Invest in Britain Bureau will be handled in the same way, with the export services of the two departments banded together.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, commented yesterday: "We derive huge benefits from foreign investment here, our investments overseas and our world-beating financial services industry. The world will be richer if others follow Britain's lead."

TONY WHITE



Bryan Bedson, chief executive, reported higher profits

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

United News sells titles in Wales

UNITED News & Media, the newspaper, television and financial services group, has sold its regional newspapers in Wales to Southern Newspapers for £31.5 million. The division, whose titles include the *South Wales Argus*, reported operating profits last year of £1.1 million on turnover of £15.5 million.

United also said that it is in discussions to sell its titles in the South East. It will use the proceeds from the Welsh sale to reduce debt and help to fund acquisitions. Last month United launched an offer for Blenheim, the exhibitions company, and is thought to be in talks to buy Westcountry Television, the ITV company in Cornwall and Devon.

Dell delivers jobs boost

DELL, the American computer group, has announced plans to double its workforce in the Republic of Ireland with some Ir£20 million of investment in its Limerick plant. The company plans to recruit a further 750 people over the next three years to bring its Irish workforce up to 1,400. Later this week, the Industrial Development Board, the Republic's job creation agency, is expected to announce the establishment of a new plant in Dublin by another big electronics company. It is believed that the plant will create up to 500 jobs.

DCC buys Merits stake

DCC, the industrial holding company based in the Republic of Ireland, has bought a 45 per cent stake in Merits Health Products Company, based in Taiwan, for a little more than $4 million. Merits manufactures mobility and rehabilitation products such as wheelchairs. DCC said $3.34 million of the price will be paid into the company in respect of new shares, with $0.8 million going to existing shareholders. DCC, which reports interim results today, has also acquired Mitchell & Son, the Dublin wine merchants, for about Ir£555,000.

Celebrated Group up

THE Celebrated Group, the restaurant and diner operator that joined the Alternative Investment Market one year ago, enjoyed a rise in pre-tax profits to £570,000 from £211,000. The boost came from an extraordinary profit of £412,000 on the sale of a hotel management contract and of £82,000 on the sale of a restaurant. These were countered by a write-off of £78,000 on the cost of the hotel investment and reorganisation costs of £33,000. Earnings rose to 1.33p a share from 0.95p. There is a maiden interim dividend of 0.16p, due on January 8.

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Business Accounts
Interest Rates

NatWest announces the following interest rates, effective from 12 November 1996:

Solicitors' Reserve Account		
Gross Interest per annum†	Balance	Gross Compounded Annual Rate††
	Instant Access – No minimum deposit/withdrawal	
4.000%	£250,000 and above	4.06%
3.875%	£100,000 – £249,999	3.93%
3.500%	£25,000 – £99,999	3.55%
2.875%	£2,000 – £24,999	2.91%
2.000%	£500 – £1,999	2.02%
1.000%	£0 – £499	1.00%

† Where appropriate, tax will be deducted at source from interest credited or paid (which may be reclaimed by resident non-taxpayers). Subject to the required registration form, interest will be paid gross.

†† Gross Compounded Annual Rate is the true annual return on your deposits if the interest payments are retained in the account.

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Deutsche Telekom float swells

By Eric Reguly

DEUTSCHE TELEKOM is to boost the size of its initial public offering by 20 per cent because of strong demand for the shares from domestic and international investors.

The state-owned German phone company will now sell 600 million shares, up from 500 million, raising the total proceeds by about DM3 billion to around DM18 billion. The extra shares will make the Deutsche Telekom sale the largest equity offering in European history. The previous record was held by British Petroleum, which sold shares worth £7.2 billion in 1987.

Deutsche Telekom's underwriters recommended an enlarged offer because the issue is more than four times oversubscribed. The high demand means that the shares are to be sold at the upper end of their indicated range of DM25 to DM30. The price will be set on Saturday and announced the next day, with share dealings to begin on Monday. Bankers said that UK investors will probably buy between 8 and 12 per cent of the issue. Private investors in the UK must hold a German bank account.

☐ The French Government yesterday said that it expects to raise Fr25 billion (about $4.9 billion) from next spring's privatisation of France Telecom. Banque Nationale de Paris and Banque Paribas have been appointed as the flotation's global co-ordinators.

Wyndeham to seek new deals

WYNDEHAM Press Group, the fast-growing printing company, said it was seeking further acquisitions to develop its product range (Martin Barrow writes). The company this year paid £12.3 million for ET Heron, a web-offset printing company that specialises in long-run magazine and brochure production. Yesterday Wyndeham reported pre-tax profits of £3.5 million (£1.97 million) in the half year to September 30. An interim dividend of 1.9p a share (1.6p) will be paid from earnings of 7.4p (5.5p).

Colonial Mutual set to convert

By Caroline Merrell

THE demutualisation of Colonial Mutual, the life insurer based in Australia, looks almost certain to go ahead after yesterday's meeting in London to vote on conversion proposals.

The life insurer has 570,000 members worldwide, with 270,000 based in the UK. Colonial Mutual proposes to float on the Australian stock exchange with a market capitalisation of about £640 million. Shares worth between £285 and £14,000 will be allocated to policyholders.

The number of shares each member will receive will depend on the number of policies they have, the number of years they have been with the insurer and the amount they have invested. On average, each member will receive shares worth £1,200.

The meeting yesterday to vote on the proposals was attended by approximately 500 policyholders. They were told that Colonial Mutual was considering whether to opt for a UK stock market quote as well.

The company is introducing a clearing system in the UK which will allow policyholders to sell their shares more easily immediately after the conversion takes place.

TOURIST RATES

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Australia $	2.19	2.03
Austria Sch	18.46	16.96
Belgium Fr	54.12	49.82
Canada $	2.306	2.148
Cyprus Cyp£	0.781	0.736
Denmark Kr	10.12	9.32
Finland Mkk	8.07	7.42
France Fr	8.79	8.14
Germany Dm	2.64	2.43
Greece Dr	408	383
Hong Kong $	13.40	12.40
Iceland	115	95
Ireland Pt	1.05	0.97
Israel Shk	5.65	5.00
Italy Lira	2614	24
Japan Yen	192.60	182
Malta	0.627	0.5
Netherlds Gld	2.933	2.
New Zealand $	2.48	2
Norway Kr	10.97	10
Portugal Esc	262.50	244
S Africa Rd	8.35	7
Spain Pta	215.50	202
Sweden Kr	11.51	10
Switzerland Fr	2.22	
Turkey Lira	168000	150
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☐ Baron shoulders the blame ☐ Mystery of revived Eurotunnel probe ☐ Hard times for number crunchers

Brutal Choice, but lucrative

☐ PERHAPS they simply tired of looking at that moustache across the boardroom table. But the sacking of Francis Baron from First Choice Holidays was notable for its suddenness and brutality, for all that the company was suggesting it had been looming for some while.

None of this "leaving to pursue other interests". No one could stand the man so they ganged up to throw him out, it seems, before damage was done to the business. He got a token "major contribution to the group over the past three years". He also got £640,000, and there will doubtless be some bad-tempered sniping about the rewards of failure, given the poor performance of the First Choice share price.

All this ex *post facto* character assassination is all very well, but somebody hired Mr Baron in October 1993, and those flaws have therefore taken a strangely long time to be noticed. That someone was Michael Julien, brought in as chairman after the company nearly collapsed and the previous management got the push.

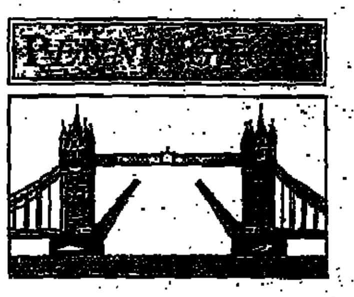
The holiday market has been difficult since but First Choice has survived, not least because of Mr Baron's efforts. He was brought in on a two-year rolling salary because this was all that he would contemplate. The job was that risky. One-year rollers were granted to the other executive directors for the same reason by the remuneration committee, chaired by one Michael Julien, and they remain in place. The decision to pay Mr Baron two thirds of a million pounds is not an act of generosity, therefore, but the award of his full contractual entitlement.

Mr Baron went for two reasons. He was brought in from outside the holiday industry to drown kittens, cutting the workforce by 260 jobs and reducing the brands from 16 to three. Going forward, such ruthlessness was no longer needed. He had difficulty in delegating. Two senior executives have quit in the past year, amd their replacements have had problems finding a proper role.

But of more significance is the dividend. This must be cut out of prudence and also to avoid endangering the financial ratios that UK regulatory authorities require of travel firms. First Choice needs to make £17 million pre-tax to cover this year's payments, and will not. It would even be tight next year. The balance sheet could be shored up by the rumoured $100 million sale of the Canadian holiday business, but this would leave the company as a British summer operator again, with no balancing winter income stream.

Better to cut the payout in January — especially if accompanied by a bright and breezy account of next summer's bookings, and the omens so far are favourable. There is effectively a new management team in, and so a lower payment can be blamed, in time-honoured City fashion, on the old one. Fair it ain't, but Mr Baron has that £640,000 to cushion him from the unfairness of it all.

A little French window dressing



☐ DESPITE the unexpected revival of the Eurotunnel insider trading saga at the weekend and the involvement of the Serious Fraud Office, the chances of any senior bankers this side of La Manche having their collars felt look fairly slender.

The affair dates back to the May 1994 rights issue. Eurotunnel's various cash-raising exercises have, admittedly, tended to blur into one another over the years. This was the last until the, ahem, final refinancing hammered out with the banks this autumn that gave them most of the company in return for a balance sheet that leaves open the faint possibility of eventual dividend payments.

By the start of 1994 Eurotunnel was fast going bust yet again, and another rights issue became inevitable. A number of banks, including those heavily involved in talks leading to the rights issue, took the view that the shares would have to fall as a result. This was not a difficult conclusion to draw, as the negotiations between the company and the City, were being conducted, as ever with Eurotunnel, by megaphone.

The banks' broking arms therefore went short on the shares, anticipating a profit. The two questions are the extent to which this was just to cover the risk of becoming involved in yet another rights, and how much the brokers' actions were influenced by events on the other side of the Chinese Wall. The answers are, respectively, not entirely and who can tell? Naughty, but worse things have happened, and anyway, the real action was in Paris where most Eurotunnel shares are traded.

Last summer our own Stock Exchange had a look and decided there was no serious criminal case to bring. The Commissione des Operations de Bourse, the Paris market regulator, appeared to take the same view at that time.

So why have the allegations suddenly re-emerged? The suspicion has to be to placate the mob of angry French Eurotunnel investors who have been in recalcitrant mood since the refinancing revealed the extent of their losses. Our SFO is required to give aid to any new French investigations, however artificial they may be.

Accounting for a declining profession

☐ OF all the endangered species we are expected to feel sorry for, the least worthy might seem to be the accountants. But a study tomorrow by the Institute of Chartered Accountants suggests some breeds of a species chiefly distinguished by its drab plumage and high earning power may be extinct within a decade.

The ICA is looking at the life cycle of the average accountant in the year 2005. Chief among its conclusions is that there will be rather fewer practices around, the Big Six becoming the Big Four, for example. The medium-sized businesses will be the worst hit, while the smaller niche players may at least have some chance of survival.

It all sounds remarkably like the securities industry over the past decade, or merchant banking for that matter. The better parallel, perhaps, is the law. The latest survey by the Law Society found that among high street solicitors, a quarter made profits of £30,000 or less per partner, before their operating expenses. Consumer pressure to cut fees, along with the need to invest in expensive new technology, has made for a very straitened lifestyle.

The reason for the coming cull of the accountants is again new technology, taking on more and more routine audit work hitherto carried out by cost-effective juniors. This may raise a wry smile across a swathe of demanned British industry, but the same principles apply to white and striped collars as to blue ones.

The real problem, in both cases, is that there are simply too many accountants and lawyers being turned out because both professions have always been seen as a meal ticket for life. Supply is rising, while demand is falling for the above reasons — and will fall further.

The trick, for school-leavers looking for a lucrative career option, is to work out which disciplines will be in short supply in a couple of decades, in which case engineering might seem a good counter-cyclical punt. For accountants, like solicitors, a poorer and shabbier future beckons. Now, about those estate agents . . .

BAA plans to land bigger share of duty-free market

By Carl Mortished

BAA plans to double the size of its duty-free retailing business over the next five years. The airports group, which yesterday revealed a slowdown in passenger growth at Heathrow in October, has launched a new subsidiary, World Duty Free, aimed at taking a larger share of the $21 billion worldwide market in tax-free sales to travellers.

BAA said the business would expand through acquisitions and joint ventures and would next year take over the duty-free shops in its airports. The shops are currently managed by Swissair.

Duty- and tax-free sales grew 14 per cent to £126 million in the half year to September 30 — more than half BAA's retailing income of £224 million. The airports group reported a 3.4 per cent increase in interim pre-tax profit to £304 million. Underlying profits growth, after adjusting for property disposals and rephasing of airport charges, rose 10.5 per cent to £315 million.

Barry Gibson, BAA's retail director, said the loss of intra-European duty and tax-free retailing would not hurt the plans for World Duty Free. He said that intra-European sales accounted for 40 per cent of the business, which would be worth £200 million in 1999, when the EU is expected to abolish duty-free retailing within its borders.

Mr Gibson explained that BAA's business accounts for 5 per cent of a market, worth $21 billion, in which small companies predominate. "There is no reason why we should not have 10 per cent in the next five years," he predicted.

ROBIN MAYES

Sir John Egan, front, and Barry Gibson toast the launch of World Duty Free yesterday

Sir John Egan said there would be a slowdown in growth at Heathrow because of capacity constraints until the new terminal was built. Traffic at BAA's airports grew 3.3 per cent in the six months to October, with most of the growth recorded at Stansted and Edinburgh. Heathrow was almost flat, with passenger numbers rising only 1.2 per cent, in part over the transfer of some flights to Gatwick. Some 600,000 passengers were lost to Eurostar.

Total spending per passenger at Heathrow grew 7 per cent in the half year to £4.20, but per international passenger rose 8.6 per cent to £10.34, with more than half of that figure accounted for by duty- and tax-free shops. However, Russell Walls, finance director, said that less than 50 per cent of the passengers spend anything in the airports.

Sir John Egan countered suggestions that BAA will be hit by the tax on utilities proposed by the Labour Party. He said: "I don't think we will be included in a windfall tax. It is difficult to see how such a business could afford to pay more." Sir John pointed to BAA's negative cashflow and high capital expenditure.

BAA is paying an interim dividend of 4.5p per share, up 9.1 per cent on the previous year, after earnings of 22.2p (20.7p).

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Invesco to raise £119m for US deal

INVESCO, the London-listed international fund management house, is to raise £119 million in a rights issue to part-fund its £1 billion deal to buy AIM, America's 13th-largest mutual fund manager (Robert Miller writes).

To raise the purchase price for AIM, which has £35 billion of assets, Invesco yesterday unveiled details of a one-for-five rights issue. The remainder of the price will come from the issue to AIM shareholders of 290 million new ordinary Invesco shares, at an approximate value of £690 million, and new debt.

The balance of the rights issue has been underwritten by Cazenove, the lead adviser to Invesco, and SBC Warburg, part of Swiss Bank Corporation.

Sterling rise threatens jobs at British Steel

By Paul Durman

THE recent strength of the pound is likely to lead to further job losses at British Steel, the company's chairman gave warning yesterday.

Sir Brian Moffat said that the rise in sterling against the mark has made British Steel's products more expensive for its European customers, and has made it easier for the European steel companies to undercut it.

But he was determined to maintain British Steel's competitive position, and was prepared to take the necessary action against costs. Sir Brian said: "We are not talking about closures, but we are talking about further improvements in productivity. That will impact on employment."

British Steel, which employs 43,000 in the UK, would not be drawn on the scale of possible job losses. The effect of the strong pound is difficult to assess because it will also hit other British exporters that are the company's customers.

Sir Brian also announced a slump in half-year profits. Falling prices, caused by customers running down stocks and weak demand in continental Europe, led pre-tax profits to tumble from £550 million to £262 million.

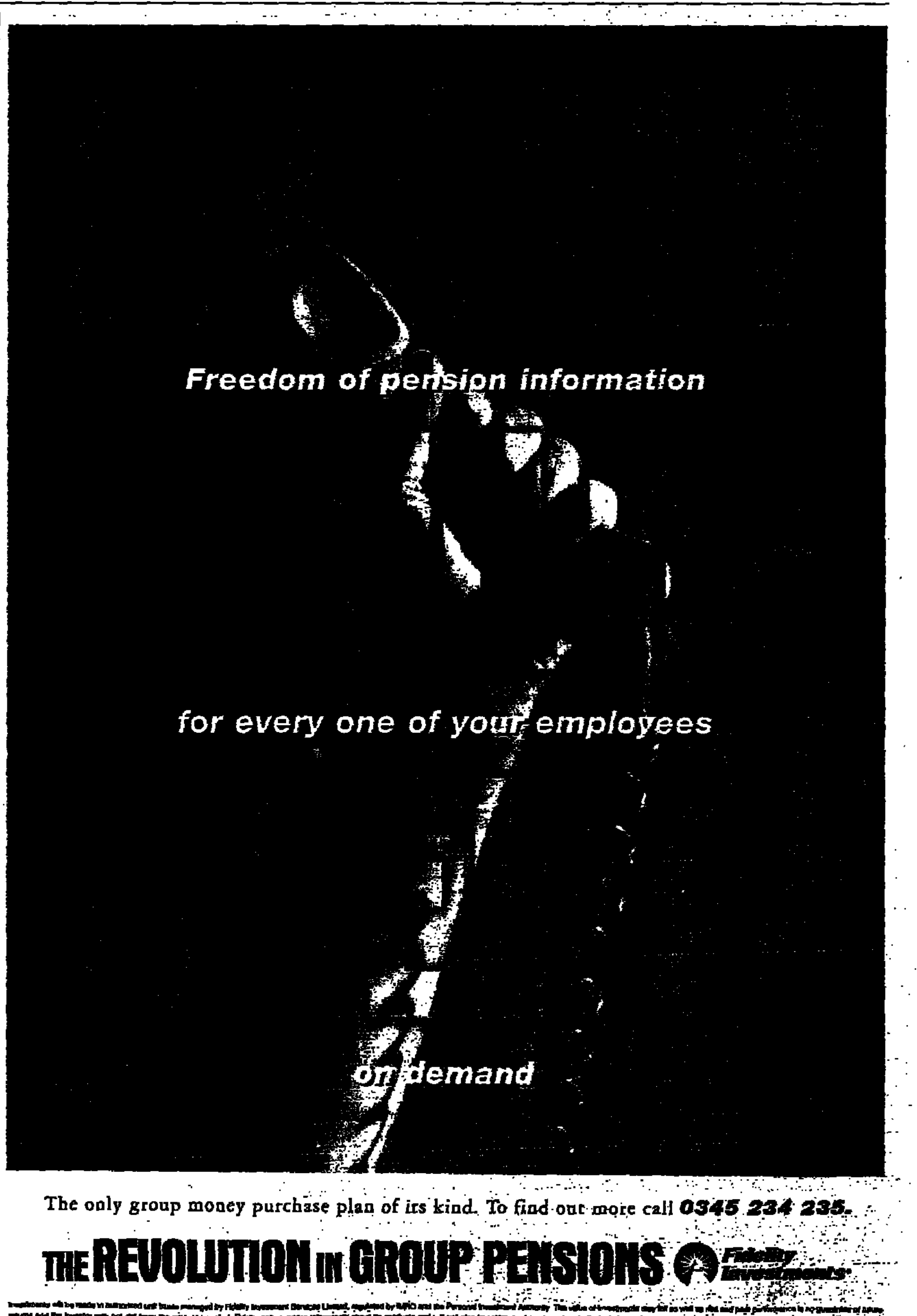
Stainless steel prices were hit worst, falling by around 45 per cent. This caused operating profits at Avesta Sheffield, the 51 per cent-owned stainless steel business, to collapse from £98 million to £2 million.

Sir Brian said that he was cautiously optimistic about steel prices in the first half of next year. Prices are rising in stainless, structural and coated steels. British Steel also announced a £29 million investment in a joint venture in India with Jindal Iron & Steel Co. Although the initial venture is "relatively modest", the company hopes it will lead to a more significant move into the Asian and Pacific markets.

Sir Brian said the Jindal project, which will include an organic coating line with a capacity of 125,000 tonnes per annum, had scope for expansion. The plant should be operational by the end of 1998.

The Indian investment is a small part of a £430 million programme of capital spending planned this year. In the first half, the biggest spend was the £43m invested in steelmaking facilities at Tuscaloosa Steel Corporation in the US. The plant produced its first steel two months ahead of schedule last month.

The company is maintaining its interim dividend at 3p a share, due on January 13.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Prowting 'misses' housing recovery

By Fraser Nelson

PROWTING, the housebuilder, showed few signs yesterday of benefiting from recovery in its sector as it returned profits almost half the level it achieved last time.

In spite of an 18 per cent rise in turnover, to £59.2 million, pre-tax profits fell to £2.22 million (£4.12 million) in the six months to August 31. Earnings fell to 1.6p a share (3.3p), but the interim dividend was held at 1.9p, due January 13.

Terry Roydon, chief executive, said that while the housing recovery was sustaining its momentum, fierce competition had cut operating margins from 11.3 per cent to 5.7 per cent. This offset gains in both unit sales and the average house selling price, which stood at £89,800 against £77,200 last time.

The rate of construction outpaced the growth of its land bank, whose reserves fell from 4,750 to 4,400 plots. The company gave warning that, depending on the success of land purchases, its borrowings would increase by the year end as the land bank was restored to former levels.

Kier staff to share flotation bonanza

By Fraser Nelson

KIER GROUP, Britain's largest unquoted construction company, is to join the stock market next month in a flotation that will provide a £4.4 million bonanza for its employee shareholders.

The company, almost entirely owned by its employees, is expected to be valued at £50 million on flotation. Employee shareholders will be allowed to cash in on up to 10 per cent of their stakes, which would bring an average payout of £4,900 each. Board members are selling no shares.

Colin Busby, Kier's chairman, said that he decided to take the company to market on the back of the recent recovery in the construction sector. "We have a company which did very well in the recession, and is set to do even better now," he said.

Mr Busby, who led the management buyout of Kier from Hanson in 1992, holds a 2 per cent stake in the company. After flotation, this will be worth about £1 million.

In an institutional placing, arranged by NatWest, £5.6 million will be raised to redeem the preference shares.

Capital Radio enters food chain

By Eric Reguly

CAPITAL RADIO, Britain's largest commercial radio group, made its first non-media acquisition yesterday with the £51 million purchase of My Kinda Town, the restaurant company whose international portfolio includes Henry J. Bean's and Beach Blanket Babylon.

Capital Radio said that the purchase reflects its desire to "widen its interests as a media and entertainment group", but some analysts saw little logic in combining radio stations with themed restaurants. One analyst said: "I think they did this as a defensive move. They were afraid of being taken over."

Shareholders were not enthusiastic. Capital Radio shares closed at 577½p, down 16p, while My Kinda Town shares finished up 20p, at 187p. Capital Radio is offering 190p for each My Kinda Town ordinary share, which represents a premium of 29 per cent, 100p for each deferred share and 90p for each warrant. A partial share alternative will allow shareholders to take new Capital Radio shares for about half of their holdings.

Directors of My Kinda Town, who own about 13 per cent of the company, have agreed to sell their shares to Capital Radio, even if there is a higher bid.

My Kinda Town, which was floated in 1994, owns or operates 54 restaurants in 16 countries. Its best-known names in Britain are Henry J. Bean's, the Chicago Pizza Pie Factory and the Salso, Cuba and Havana latin brands. In its last financial year it reported pre-tax profits of £2.6 million on turnover of £31.4 million.

Capital Radio is to open its first Radio Cafe in London this month. The My Kinda Town deal came as Capital Radio reported pre-tax profits of £32.1 million, up 21 per cent, on turnover of £77.8 million, up 15 per cent, in the year to September 30. Earnings per share were 29.4p, up 23 per cent. A final dividend of 8.5p, to be paid on January 31, makes the total 12.5p, up 22 per cent.

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Prospect of interest rate rise restrains investors

Tim How celebrated a fine AIM debut for Majestic Wine

TURNOVER slumped to some of the lowest levels of the year as stock market investors continued to ponder on the prospect of another rise in interest rates.

Only a stalwart performance by the bond market and another strong start to trading on Wall Street salvaged the day and enabled London to move into positive territory. After falling more than 14 points first thing, the FT-SE 100 index traded in narrow limits for much of the session before rallying to close just 3.6 up at 3,914.4. Turnover was less than 500 million shares. "It felt more like Christmas Eve than a normal trading session," said one leading broker.

There was no sign of the expected bid for **East Midlands Electricity** by Dominion Resources, the US group, which last week said it was prepared to offer around 608p a share. But the price of East Midlands rose 10p to 603½p with the City convinced a bid will emerge and that Dominion will be moved to offer in the region of 650p a share.

Allied Domecq remained a weak market, losing 16½p at 468p ahead of half-year figures today. Brokers say the figures may be accompanied by news of a break-up of the business.

Vickers retreated 5p to 280p as a protected line of 2.44 million shares were sold in the market at 276½p. **British Aerospace** was unchanged at £11.49, after briefly touching £11.61 on the news that it had won a contract believed to worth £1 billion to supply Hawk trainer jets to Australia.

The resignation of Francis Baron as chief executive after a bust-up with the rest of the board left **First Choice**, the package holiday group, ½p easier at 58½p. The company said there had been a breakdown in the working relationship between Mr Baron and his colleagues.

My Kinda Town rebounded 20p to 187p on news of the £51 million bid from **Capital Radio**, the independent broadcaster. But the move to diversify by Capital perplexed the market and left the shares 16p lower at 577½p. Details of the bid emerged as Capital reported a 19 per cent increase in profits to £27.8 million. It was also accompanied by a 22 per cent rise in the payout to 12.5p. **United News & Media**, publisher of the *Daily Express*, firmed 2p to 669½p after the sale of the South Wales Argus regional newspaper business to Southern Newspapers for £31.5 million.

Majestic Wine savoured a useful premium in first time trading on the Alternative Investment Market after a placing at 160p, valuing the company at £20.4 million. The wine warehouse retailer opened at 200p before ending the session at 204½p, a premium of 44½p. John Apthorp, who built up the Bejam chain of frozen food shops, runs the business with Tim How, chief executive.

There was also a positive start to trading in shares of **Scottish Highland Hotels** with the shares establishing a useful premium. Placed at 125p, the price started life at 133½p before closing at its best of the day with a rise of 12½p at 137½p.

Chesterfield Properties surged 41½p to 544p after announcing details of a £21.9 million reverse takeover by *Albion Property Investments*. Robert Maxted, owner of the the privately owned *Albion*, is to become chief executive of the enlarged Chesterfield. Albion owns 28 properties valued at £110 million.

The admission it had received a bid approach from its small rival Moorfield, lifted **Greycoat Properties** 5p to 154p. The offer has been rejected and **Moorfield** closed unchanged at 30½p.

British Steel touched 175¼p ahead of half-year figures before ending the session just ¾p firmer at 171¾p after reporting a sharp drop in profits from £550 million to £262 million.

Half-year figures from **BAA** were given a lukewarm reception by brokers, leaving the price 5p cheaper at 496p. Pre-tax profits were marginally ahead at £230 million with the group reporting a 3 per cent increase in passenger traffic.

Better than expected half-year figures from **Emap** were rewarded with a rise of 27½p to 750p. The group is currently embroiled in a boardroom rift which will be the subject of an EGM on December 2.

MAID firmed 1p to 268p after finally concluding a joint venture with Thorn Business Communications to provide hotel chains in Europe and Africa with an in-room television Internet service.

Sidlaw Group, the paper and packaging specialist, held steady at 106p despite slipping further into the red last year with losses of £7.3 million. **Wyndeham Press**, the printer, pleased the City with another healthy increase in profits at the half-way stage. The shares responded with a rise of 5p at 230p. A strong increase in profits at **Charles Sidney**, the vehicle distributor, lifted the price 3p to 81½p, while more than doubled interim figures at **The Celebrated Group** saw the price firm 1p to 18p. **Triplex Lloyd** responded to a near doubling of profits with a rise of 8½p at 204½p.

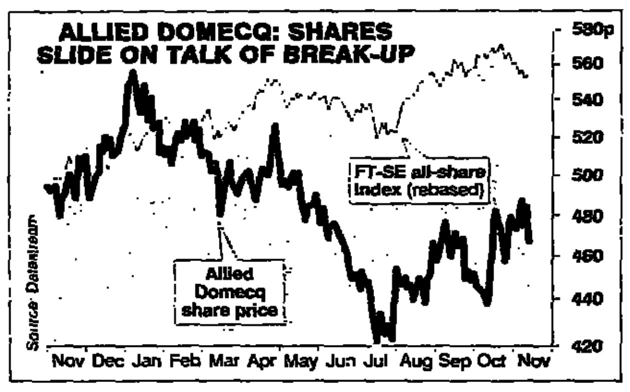
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices moved higher in thin trading, reflecting some mildly encouraging producer input prices. After a slow start, prices at the longer end of the market ticked steadily higher throughout the day. But with the Budget later this month beginning to focus investors' attention, turnover generally was low key.

This was best reflected in the futures pit where the December series of the long gilt put on £7/16 at £109 13/32 as the total number of contracts completed dropped to just 13,000.

Among longer dated issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 put on £17/32 at £101 11/32, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was five ticks better at £102¾.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares were higher at midday, though gains were restrained with the bond market closed. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 22.74 points to 6,242.56.

Northern Ireland Electricity rose 15p at 372½p, stretching its advance during the past two sessions to 35p with not a bidder in sight. It seems that the shares will be admitted to the Irish Stock Exchange Index on January 1. Irish institutions have in the *meantime been busily increasing their weightings in the shares.*



ALLIED DOMECQ: SHARES SLIDE ON TALK OF BREAK-UP

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	6242.56 (+22.74)
S&P Composite	731.45 (+0.63)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	21065.08 (-135.96)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	12771.86 (+20.70)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	597.10 (+4.39)

Sydney:

AO	2358.1 (-4.0)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2728.32 (-11.31)

Singapore:

Straits	Closed

Brussels:

General	Closed

Paris:

CAC-40	Closed

Zurich:

SKA Gen	804.90 (+3.90)

London:

FT 30	2764.6 (+0.7)
FT 100	3914.4 (+3.6)
FTSE Mid 250	4395.8 (+0.2)
FTSE 350	1954.9 (+1.5)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	1786.58 (-0.95)
FT All-Share	1930.89 (+1.38)
FT Non Financials	2020.1 (+2.83)
FT Fixed Interest	115.38 (-0.19)
FT Govt Secs	93.73 (-0.01)
Bargains	36324
SEAQ Volume	492.8m
USM (Datastrm)	201.23 (-0.22)
US$	1.6459 (+0.0004)
German Mark	2.4670 (-0.0111)
Exchange Index	90.5 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2861
£:SDR	1.1350
RPI	153.8 Sep (2.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	153.6 Sep (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Beaufort (3)	4	...
Beechcroft	4	...
Brands Hatch Leis	174½	...
Britt Allcroft	159½	...
Charles Taylor	164½	...
Corp Exec Search (3)	4½	...
Deep Sea Leisure	164½	+ 2
First Russian Frts C	602½	...
Geo Interactive Md	91½	...
Healthcare Reform	99½	...
Jardinerie Interiors	122½	- 2
John David Sports	297½	...
Loftus Road (72)	73	...
Majestic Wines	204½	...
Mears Group	11½	...
Mondas (75)	90½	...
Oriental Restaurants	207½	...
Scot Highland Htls	137½	...
Ultra Electronics	300	+ ½

RIGHTS ISSUES

AG Holdings n/p	12½	...
Bridport-Gundry n/p	5½	...
Capital Inds n/p (175)	5½	...
European Leis n/p	13½	...
Perkins Foods n/p (74)	7½	...
Springwood n/p	82½	- 5

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

My Kinda Town	187p (+20p)
Chesterfield	544p (+41½p)
Danka Bs Sys	630p (+45p)
Atkins WS	322½p (+15p)
Carrs Milling	320p (+14p)
Quality Care	302p (+12p)
Vanguard	510p (+12½p)
Celltech	490p (+10p)
Shell	987p (+19½p)
DFS Furniture	559½p (+11p)

FALLS:

Eurodis Elec	154p (-16p)
Renold	290p (-21½p)
Allied Dom	468p (-16½p)
Sterling Ind	305p (-10p)
Capital Radio	577½p (-16p)
Psion	407½p (-9p)
Charter	772½p (-16p)
Rosebys	280p (-8½p)
Blacks Leis	315p (-8½p)

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TEMPUS

Tried in the furnace

BRITISH STEEL has finally made its long-promised move into Asia. Shareholders could be forgiven for wondering whether it has been worth the wait. The company is investing £29 million in a joint venture to build an organic coating line in India that will have an annual capacity of just 127,000 tonnes. As Sir Brian Moffat, chairman, recognises, this is "relatively modest" stuff — particularly for a company that is sitting on a cash mountain of more than £700 million.

British Steel is resolutely opposed to a special dividend or share buyback, and Sir Brian says the company will retain its cash while it still has plenty of investment ideas. This is all very well, but British Steel has proved itself a highly cautious investor and shareholders would surely support a rights issue for a worthwhile acquisition. The board may be mindful of the huge cash cost to the company of the last recession, but rainy day money is not a good reason to keep your pennies in British Steel's bank account.

The near future is clouded by the recent strength of sterling. That makes British Steel products more expensive, but it also damages the prospects of other British exporters that are its customers. There are some compensations. The exchange rate may encourage European steel companies to push up their prices, which will provide some relief to British Steel. Steel prices have been weak, but British Steel believes that destocking has come to an end, and is cautiously optimistic.

The shares, at 171¾p, are off their recent high. But tightly run as it is, the risks involved in investing in this cyclical stock look too great at the moment.

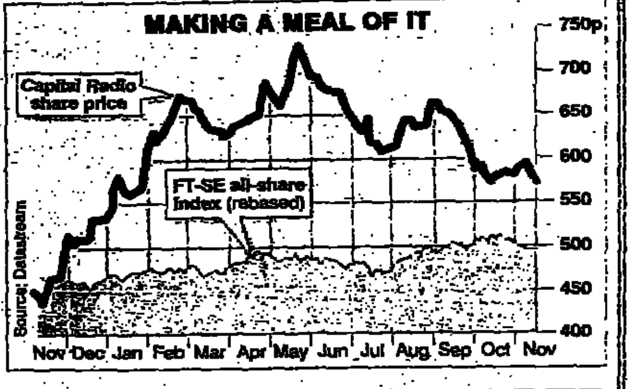
Capital Radio

CAPITAL RADIO has resisted the temptation to throw its money into an acquisition binge in the commercial radio market just as prices are peaking. Instead, the company is making a splash in another overvalued sector: restaurants.

Capital Radio would not know a taco from a tamale but has agreed to pay £51 million for My Kinda Town, whose international portfolio of themed eateries includes Henry J Bean's, the Chicago Pizza Pie Factory, Mamma Amalfi, Salsa and Beach Blanket Babylon.

This month, Capital Radio is due to open its Radio Cafe, a business idea that does have some potential for cross-promotion with media events using rock celebrities. But no such synergy exists between MKT's restaurants and the radio station. More worrying to Capital shareholders is the business risk.

All restaurants require periodic makeovers and themed restaurants are particularly expensive to kit out. They are also more tied to fashion. In the end, it appears that Capital Radio has run out of ideas. Bid speculation crept into the shares earlier this year but it disappeared yesterday and the restaurant deal will ensure that it will not come back for some time as shareholders will now see their cash disappearing into depreciating restaurant properties. Capital Radio should have stuck with broadcasting and announced a special dividend.



MAKING A MEAL OF IT

Emap

NEVER mind the boardroom row, feel the profits — that's the message from Emap. Yesterday's display of unity in the wake of the board's attempt to sack two of its directors was slightly undermined by the body language of David Arculus, the managing director, who is widely rumoured to have fallen out with Sir John Hoskyns, the chairman.

As Sir John explained how everything was sweetness and light, Mr Arculus stared at his desk and looked like he'd rather be in Peterborough running a media business.

This is what he is good at. Even in France, where the market is dreadful, Emap was able to extract some profit growth.

In radio, a hiatus from the rapid growth of recent years occurred during August and September, but now it appears that November is already sold out — so this market still has legs. Emap's policy of moderate acquisitions and organic growth has brought a quiet revolution over the past couple of years, in which the company has doubled in size.

The strong share price performance has been warranted, but the big concern would be if Mr Arculus's body language was the precursor to his body walking out the door.

Greycoat

WITH all the fuss about Greycoat, you might think that the company was sitting on 12 acres of undeveloped land in the heart of the City. Unfortunately, nothing could be further from the truth. Like most rows about small companies, the issues are less about numbers than about who sits at the top table.

After the intervention from Moorfield, the argument has developed from UK Active Value's slash and burn proposal. In Moorfield, we have two young turks whose ambitions go far beyond the walls of their offices. They are a useful tool for UKAV, which is eager to rescue a fairly disastrous investment, but we are still left with Greycoat wringing its hands and making few suggestions.

Embankment Place is an obvious candidate for securitisation, but it is difficult to see how a dead investment offering a 7-8 per cent yield is attractive to institutions. Gilts would do as well and are more easily tradeable. Nevertheless, Greycoat should air the issues further or make alternative suggestions.

For institutions, removing management costs of £1.5 million must look attractive. Of course, that proposal looks rich coming from the Moorfield team who not long ago had their wrists slapped for an overgenerous share option scheme. But a low-growth business should not be run expensively.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Dec	905-904	Mar	1013-1009
Mar	938-936	May	1025-1021
May	955-954	Jul	1034-1029
Jul	972-970	Sep	1046-1038
Sep	987-986		
Dec	1010-1008	Volume:	2592

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	1519-1515	Jul	1358-1350
Jan	1430-1429	Sep	1370-1355
Mar	1372-1371	Nov	1375-1355
May	1353-1350	Volume:	4052

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	308.0-07.5
Spot: n/a		Oct	303.3-02.8
Dec	316.2-16.8	Dec	304.3-03.5
Mar	306.6-06.3	Mar	308.4-07.0
May	307.1-06.4	Volume:	2601

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 8

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	99.59	137.37	104.01
(+/-)	+1.31	+12.64	-4.14
Eng/Wales	99.59	136.61	104.07
(+/-)	+1.31	+11.96	-4.33
(%)	-44.0	+15.0	-11.3
Scotland:	unq	141.17	103.22
(+/-)		+16.57	+2.16
(%)		-	-12.0

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CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	22.65	+0.35
Brent 15 day (Dec)	23.10	+0.50
Brent 15 day (Jan)	22.80	+0.50
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	23.50	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	23.40	+0.35

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	234 (+9)	236 (+6)
Gasoil EEC	227 (+7)	229 (+7)
3.5 Fuel Oil	115 (+4)	[illegible]
Naphtha	225 (+4)	227 (+6)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	226.25-26.50	Feb	202.25-03.50
Dec	211.50-11.75	Mar	[illegible]
Jan	208.50-08.75		Vol: 20786

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	23.13-23.15	Mar	21.79 SLR
Jan	22.76-22.79	Apr	n/a
Feb	22.27-22.30		Vol: 27422

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	96.10	Nov	92.00
Jan	97.85	Jan	93.00
Mar	99.75	Mar	94.00
May	100.40	May	95.50
Jul	102.15	Sep	92.25
Volume:	234	Volume:	32

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Mar	unq	64.0
Apr	70.0	72.0
May	unq	90.4
		Volume: 65

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Nov 92.75-93.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 96	1562	1550	1558
Dec 96	1515	1498	1510
Jan 97	1451	1430	1451
Apr 97	1460	1445	1450
Vol: 75 lots		Open interest:	3743

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	[illegible]	1991.0-1992.0	110650
Lead ($/tonne)	[illegible]	724.50-729.00	274625
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	[illegible]	1052.0-1053.0	11745
Tin ($/tonne)	[illegible]	5910.0-5915.0	[illegible]
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	[illegible]	1479.0-1480.0	1521705
Nickel ($/tonne)	[illegible]	7175.0-7176.0	31734

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom	460	19	28	35½	19	22	29
(*470)	500	4	12½	17½	46	48	54
ASDA	110	10½	12	14½	1½	1½	4½
(*117½)	120	4½	6½	9	5	6	9
Boots	600	22½	37	45½	14	21	29
(*611)	650	6	15	22	47½	51	58
Br Airways	550	42	54	61	9	15½	22
(*581½)	600	15½	29	34½	31	38	46½
BP	650	29	41	49	20	31½	37
(*650)	700	12	22½	29	54	60	66
Br Steel	160	13½	18	21½	3	5	7½
(*172)	180	3½	9½	11½	13½	15	21
C & W	460	29	41½	50	10	16	23
(*480)	500	10½	21½	30	29½	36	43
CU	600	50½	60	65	6	17	21
(*638½)	650	19	30½	38	24	42	46
ICI	750	36	51	59	15	32	37½
(*765)	800	13	26½	35½	41	60	65½
Land Sec	700	30	38½	43	14	23	29
(*709½)	750	5	15	19	49½	51½	59½
M & S	460	33	44	48½	4	8½	13
(*484)	500	10	21	25½	21½	26	31
Nat West	650	36	45	55½	12½	30	36
(*666)	700	12½	21	30½	40	60	66
Safeway plc	330	28	36	41	4	9	16
(*354)	360	9½	19½	24½	17½	23	30
Sainsbury	330	25½	34	37½	3	7	12
(*349)	360	8½	17	21	16	20	27
Shell	950	54	70	77½	9	27	31
(*986½)	1000	24½	41½	49	29	47½	55
Smkl Bch	750	30½	55	60½	16½	29½	38
(*764)	800	15½	31½	44½	44½	56	64
Storehse	300	0	—	—	0	—	—
(*unq)	330	0	—	—	0	—	—
Trafalgar	50	0	—	—	0	—	—
(*unq)	60	0	—	—	0	—	—
Zeneca	1600	106½	131	155½	35	65½	74
(*1642½)	1700	57	80	105½	86	116	124
Series		Nov	Jan	Apr	Nov	Jan	Apr
BAT Ind	420	8	22	31½	7	19	29
(*420)	460	0	8½	15½	40	42	50
Vodafone	240	6	12½	20	3	10	13½
(*243)	260	0½	5½	11½	17	22	25½
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	420	39½	45	50	0	4	10
(*459)	460	5½	17½	26	4½	21	26½
Ladbroke	180	14½	19½	22½	0	3	7
(*194)	200	1	7½	11	6½	10½	16
Utd Bisc	210	0½	15	18½	1	6½	11
(*205½)	220	0	6	9½	14½	18½	23

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	460	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	[illegible]
(*490)	500	13	22½	27½	17	23	26½
Thames W	550	27	42	50	11	20	33
(*560)	600	7	17½	26	42	47	57
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BTR	240	5	15	17½	1	9	12
(*243½)	260	0	6½	9½	16½	19½	23
Br Aero	1100	52	84	101	1	18	30
(*1149)	1150	15	53	72	13	37	50
Br Telcm	330	27½	31	36	0	7	10
(*357)	360	4	11½	18	7	19	22½
Cadbury	500	7	25	34	3	15	27
(*503½)	550	0	7	14	46	48	54
Guinness	420	19½	31	37½	1	7	15
(*437)	460	0½	10	17	22	28	37
GEC	360	10	20	29½	1½	9	14
(*368)	390	6	7	14½	22	27½	30
Hanson	110	5	9	—	0½	4	—
(*114½)	120	1	5	—	7	9½	—
LASMO	240	4	13	17½	3	9½	16
(*238)	260	0	6	7½	23	21½	22½
LucasVarity	240	10	20	25½	1½	5	12
(*239)	260	1	10	16	12½	18	22½
Pilkington	140	14½	22	25	0	1	2½
(*159½)	160	2	9	12½	3	7½	9½
Prudential	420	30	42	46	0	6	14
(*449)	460	3	14½	25	12½	23	30
Redland	420	7	22½	30	4	15	24
(*420½)	460	0	7	13½	39½	41	50
R Royce	240	9	20	22½	1½	9	13
(*247)	260	1	10½	12½	13	19½	23
Tesco	300	23	32	37½	0½	4	10
(*322½)	330	2	13	20	9	16	23½
Williams	330	18½	—	—	0	—	—
(*347½)	360	1	—	—	13	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*3913)

	3800	3850	3900	3950	4000	4050
Calls						
Nov	113½	65½	25	5	1	1
Dec	140½	111	79	49	28	14½
Jan	171½	138	102½	74	51	34
Feb	197	162	129½	100	76	55
Jun	250½	—	193	—	143	—
Puts						
Nov	1½	4½	16½	47	90	140
Dec	25½	37	55	79	111	151½
Jan	41	54	73	96½	125½	161
Feb	57½	71½	92	113	140½	173
Jun	112½	—	148½	—	198	—

Series		Calls Dec	Apr	Jul	Puts Dec	Apr	Jul
Abbey Natl	600	52	66½	73½	2½	16	21
(*649)	650	17	35	44½	17½	38	39½
Amstrad	140	22	—	—	1½	—	—
(*158)	160	5	—	—	9	—	—
Barclays	600	54½	76	87½	5½	20½	34½
(*642)	650	21½	49½	59	21½	50½	58
Natl Pwr	420	34	42½	—	1½	10	—
(*452)	450	4½	17	—	25	31	—
Series		Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo W	950	41	69½	74	25½	45½	54
(*954½)	1000	19½	36	51½	53	74	82
HSBC	1250	71	99	121	21	51	64
(*1297½)	1300	42	71	96	41½	75	88
Reuters	700	67	76½	90½	8	19½	25½
(*756)	750	28	46½	60½	24½	39½	46½
Royal & Sun	394	30	36	—	4½	16	—
(*415)	420	10	17½	—	22½	30	—
Series		Dec	Feb	May	Dec	Feb	May
Blue Circ	330	30½	37	43½	1½	4½	11½
(*360)	360	9½	15½	25	11	14½	24½
Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Kingfisher	600	40	51½	58	16	20½	27½
(*619)	650	17	27	34½	44	55½	60½
Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Unilever	1350	24	53	63½	21	31½	53
(*1355)	1400	6	29½	39	55½	61½	81
Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Br Gas	180	15½	20½	22½	1	3½	8
(*193)	200	4	10	12½	9	12½	18
Dixons	500	52½	65½	73½	2	8½	18½
(*547½)	550	16½	32½	45	15½	27	33
EMI Group	1200	40	69	95	21	43	51½
(*1211)	1250	17½	46	70	49	70	77½
Tarmac	80	7½	11	12	1	2½	3½
(*86)	90	2	5	7	5½	7	8½
Hillsdown	160	18	21½	24	0	2	5½
(*176½)	180	4	9	11½	6	9½	15
Lonrho	130	9½	12½	14½	1	5	6½
(*135)	140	3½	7	9	5	10	11½
Sears	90	8	—	—	0½	—	—
(*97)	100	2	—	—	4	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	74½	—	—	14½	—	—
(*1557½)	1600	18½	—	—	59½	—	—
Tomkins	240	22	27	32½	1	6½	8
(*258½)	260	9	15	21	7½	13½	16½
Lloyds TSB	360	22	29	34½	1½	10	14½
(*378)	390	4½	12½	19	14	26	30½
Scot Pwr	294	30	35	—	1	4½	—
(*321½)	323	9	16	—	7½	15½	—

November 11, 1996 Tot: 32898 Call: 14516 Put: 18382 FTSE Call: 4944 Put: 5972
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FTSE 100	Dec 96	3917.0	3925.0	3901.0	3922.0	5710
Previous open interest: 63655	Mar 97	3930.0	3930.0	3930.0	3937.5	50
FTSE 250	Dec 96				4425.0	0
Previous open interest: 4129	Mar 97					0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 96	93.61	93.62	93.59	93.60	7813
Previous open interest: 518645	Mar 97	93.34	93.36	93.33	93.35	7147
	Jun 97	93.03	93.06	93.03	93.05	6334
Three Mth Euro Yen	Mar 97				99.29	0
	Jun 97	99.06	99.09	99.08	99.09	329
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 96	96.78	96.79	96.78	96.78	6299
Previous open interest: 1108574	Mar 97	96.77	96.79	96.77	96.78	4652
Long Gilt	Dec 96	109-00	109-14	108-30	109-13	13560
Previous open interest: 150124	Mar 97				108-20	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 96	123.52	123.56	123.32	123.51	2542
	Mar 97	122.64	122.71	122.55	122.68	576
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 96	100.23	100.55	100.23	100.53	48157
Previous open interest: 281464	Mar 97	99.37	99.54	99.37	99.53	1132
Three month ECU	Dec 96	95.80	95.81	95.80	95.81	172
Previous open interest: 27824	Mar 97	95.79	95.79	95.79	95.80	44
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 96	98.05	98.09	98.03	98.08	4222
Previous open interest: 89015	Mar 97	97.96	98.07	97.95	98.02	3633
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 96	125.61	125.93	125.38	125.65	22808
Previous open interest: 99155	Mar 97	124.72	124.98	124.72	124.85	445

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
***Discount Market Loans:** O/night high: 6* Low 4¼ Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth 5⅞. Sell: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth 5¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¾	6-5⅞	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	6½-6⅜
Interbank:	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	6½-6⅜
Overnight: open 6, close 5.					
Local Authority Deps:	6	n/a	6	6¼	6½
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	6½-6⅜
Dollar CDs:	5.29	n/a	5.38	5.45	5.62
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	6½-6⅜

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅜-4⅞	5¼-5⅛	5¼-5⅛	5⅜-5¼	5-4
Deutschemark:	3¼-2¾	3¼-2⅞	3⅛-3	3¼-3⅛	3¼-2¾
French Franc:	3½-3¼	3½-3¼	3½-3⅜	3½-3⅜	3½-2½
Swiss Franc:	1½-1¼	1½-1¼	1⅝-1½	2-1½	2-1
Yen:	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $379.70-380.00 **Close:** $380.50-381.00 **High:** $380.90-381.40
Low: $379.40-379.90 **AM:** $379.75 **PM:** $380.50

Krugerrand: $380.00-382.00 (£230.00-232.00)

Platinum: $386.00 (£234.65) **Silver:** $4.87 (£2.955) **Palladium:** $117.00 (£71.15)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for November 11	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7668-2.7893	2.7668-2.7696	¾-⅝pr	2⅛-2pr
Brussels	50.807-51.280	50.807-50.911	16-11pr	45-38pr
Copenhagen	9.4903-9.5630	9.4903-9.4976	2½-1½pr	6½-5½pr
Dublin	0.9955-0.9994	0.9955-0.9969	7-3pr	19-13pr
Frankfurt	2.4667-2.4868	2.4667-2.4686	⅝-½pr	2¼-1¾pr
Lisbon	249.95-251.82	249.95-250.18	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Madrid	207.79-209.36	207.79-207.92	8-18ds	21-39ds
Milan	2487.8-2507.2	2487.8-2491.3	24-40ds	67-89ds
Montreal	2.1908-2.2016	2.1950-2.1967	0.60-0.55pr	0.124-0.116pr
New York	1.6448-1.6530	1.6459-1.6466	0.125-0.105pr	0.363-0.332pr
Oslo	10.373-10.441	10.373-10.380	⅝-½pr	⅞-⅝pr
Paris	8.3422-8.4130	8.3422-8.3581	2¼-1½pr	6½-5¼pr
Stockholm	10.850-10.909	10.850-10.868	⅝-⅜pr	1¾-1¼pr
Tokyo	182.75-184.45	183.01-183.25	⅞-⅝pr	2½-2¼pr
Vienna	17.357-17.502	17.357-17.371	⅝-½pr	1½-1¼pr
Zurich	2.0743-2.0939	2.0743-2.0764	⅝-½pr	2½-2¼pr

Premium - pr. Discount - ds.
Source: Extel

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2701-1.2709
Austria	10.54-10.55
Belgium (Com)	30.88-30.92
Canada	1.3330-1.3335
Denmark	5.7651-5.7671
France	5.0690-5.0710
Germany	1.4984-1.4991
Hong Kong	7.7323-7.7328
Ireland	1.6525-1.6535
Italy	1513.00-1514.00
Japan	111.11-111.20
Malaysia	2.5176-2.5186
Netherlands	1.6804-1.6809
Norway	6.3015-6.3035
Portugal	151.82-151.95
Singapore	1.3978-1.3988
Spain	126.24-126.27
Sweden	6.5916-6.5984
Switzerland	1.2590-1.2595

OTHER STERLING

*Argentina peso**	1.6450-1.6477
Australia dollar	2.0903-2.0929
Bahrain dinar	0.6175-0.6295
*Brazil real**	1.6974-1.7018
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7540-0.7640
Finland markka	7.4550-7.5710
Greece drachma	390.0-397.0
Hong Kong dollar	12.7258-12.7344
India rupee	58.65-59.61
Indonesia rupiah	3826.0-3894.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4890-0.4990
Malaysia ringgit	4.1430-4.1471
New Zealand dollar	2.3191-2.3221
Pakistan rupee	65.80 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9600-6.0840
Singapore dollar	2.3002-2.3033
S Africa rand (com)	7.7460-7.8480
U A E dirham	6.0108-6.1340

Barclays Bank GTS • Lloyds Bank

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	424	Lloyds TSB	2,200
ASDA Gp	6,400	LucasVarity	2,400
Abbey Ntl	1,000	*Marks Spr*	3,000
Allied Dom	6,700	NatWst Bk	3,300
Argos	38	Nat Grid	4,100
AB Foods	197	Nat Power	1,500
BAA	2,600	Next	577
BAT *Inds*	6,000	*Orange*	16,600
BOC	724	P & O	963
BP	4,300	Pearson	890
BSkyB	1,400	Pilkington	3,100
BTR	4,100	PowerGen	2,000
BT	12,800	Prudential	1,580
Bk of Scot	602	RMC	140
Barclays	2,700	RTZ	2,000
Bass	557	Railtrack	3,700
Blue Circle	2,700	Rank Group	1,700
Boots	1,700	Reckitt Col	458
BAe	611	Redland	572
BA	3,700	Reed Intl	385
Brit Gas	2,200	*Rentokil*	1,500
Brit Steel	8,000	Reuters	2,800
Burmah Cstl	308	Rolls Royce	1,600
Burton	6,200	Royal & Sun	899
Cable Wire	1,700	Royal Bk Sct	318
Cadbury	1,200	*Safeway*	1,200
Carlton Cms	1,700	Sainsbury	549
Cm Union	546	Schroders	66
Courtaulds	695	Scot & New	518
Dixons	312	Scot Power	1,200
EMI	1,200	*Sthn Trent*	680
Enterpr Oil	2,300	Shell Trans	2,800
GKN	302	Siebe	1,100
GRE	94	SmKl Bch	1,500
GUS	1,400	Smith Nph	1,300
Gen Acc	574	Smiths Inds	494
Gen Elec	2,200	Std Chartd	1,300
Glaxo Well	2,500	TI Gp	278
Granada	969	*Tate & Lyle*	248
Grand Met	2,800	Tesco	1,600
Guinness	4,600	Thames W	437
HSBC	253	Tomkins	6,100
Hanson	15,600	Unilever	1,400
ICI	1,500	Utd Utilities	692
Imp Tob	6,200	Utd News	1,600
Kingfisher	1,600	Vodafone	3,490
LASMO	1,600	Whitbread	1,400
Ladbroke	2,200	Wlms Hld	983
Land Secs	483	Wolseley	1,300
Legal & Gn	1,600	Zeneca	1,000

WALL STREET

	Nov 11 midday	Nov 8 close
AMP Inc	34	34
AMR Corp	86	85½
ASA	39½	39½
AT & T	36½	35½
Abbott Labs	53½	53½
Advanced Micro	20½	20½
Aetna Life	69½	69½
Ahmanson (HF)	31½	31½
Air Prod & Chem	67½	67
AirTouch Comm	27½	27½
Alberto-Culver B	47½	47½
Albertson's	34½	34½
Alcan Aluminium	33½	33½
Alco Standard	46½	46½
Allied Signal	70½	70½
Alum Co of Am	60	60
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5½
Amerada Hess	55½	55½
Amer Brands	49½	49½
Amer El Power	42½	42½
Amer Express	49½	49½
Amer Genl Corp	38½	38½
Amer Home Pr	63½	64½
Amer Intl	110½	112
Amer Stores	40½	40½
Amer Standard	35½	36
Ameritech	55	55½
Amoco	76	75½
Anheuser-Busch	40½	40½
Apple Computer	26½	26½
Archer Daniels	21½	21½
Armco	3½	4
Armstrng Wrld	69½	69½
Asarco	25½	25½
Atl Richfield	133½	133½
Auto Data Pro	42½	42½
Avery Dennison	67½	67½
Avon Products	56½	56½
Baker Hughes	35½	35½
Baltim Gas & El	28½	28½
Banc One	42½	42½
BankAmerica	95	94½
Bank of NY	33½	33½
Bankers Tr NY	84½	84½
Barnett Banks	40½	40½
Bausch & Lomb	33½	33½
Baxter Intl	43½	43½
Bectn Dickinsn	43	43½
Bell Atlantic	61½	61½
Bell Industries	17½	17½
BellSouth	41	41½
Black & Decker	37	36½
Block (H&R)	27½	26½
Boeing	93½	93½
Boise Cascade	28½	29
Bristol Myrs Sq	113½	113½
Browning Ferris	26	26½
Brunswick	24½	24½
Burlington Nthn	85½	85½
CMS Energy Corp	31½	31½
CNA Financial	101½	101
CPC Intl	80	79½
CSX	44½	44½
Campbell Soup	81½	81½
Cap Cities	26½	26½
Carolina Pwr	36½	37
Caterpillar	73½	73½
Central & SW	27½	28
Champion Intl	42½	41½
Chase Manhat	89½	89½
Chevron Corp	66½	66½
Chrysler	33	32½
Chubb Corp	51½	51½
Cigna Corp	136½	136
Citicorp	101½	101½
Clorox	109½	109½
Coastal Corp	44½	44½
Coca Cola	52½	52½
Coca Cola Ent	45½	46½
Colgate-Palmolive	94½	94½
Columbia Gas	60½	60½
ColumbiaHCA	38½	39½
Compaq Comp	74½	74½
Comp Ass Intl	60½	60½
Conagra	52	52½
Conrail	96½	96½
Cons Edison	30	29½
Cons Nat Gas	55½	55½
Cooper Inds	41½	40½
Corestates	51½	51½
Corning Inc	38½	39
Crown Cork	50½	50½
Dana Corp	29½	29½
Dayton Hudson	37½	37½
Deere	40	40½
Delta Air Lines	74½	74½
Deluxe Corp	33½	34½
Digital Equip	29½	29½
Dillard Dept St	32½	32½
Disney (Walt)	69½	69½
Dominion Res	39½	39½
Donnelley (RR)	31½	31½
Dover Corp	52½	52
Dow Chemical	80	80½
Dow Jones	32½	32½
Dresser	32½	32½
Duke Power	46	46½
Dun & Bradstreet	22½	22½
Du Pont	94½	94½
Eastman Chem	53½	57½

	Nov 11 midday	Nov 8 close
Eastman Kodak	82½	81
Eaton Corp	64½	64½
Edison Intl	20½	20½
Emerson Elec	96½	95
Engelhard Corp	18½	18½
Enron Corp	45	45½
Entergy	28½	28½
Ethyl Corp	8½	8½
Exxon	87½	89½
FMC Corp	76½	76½
FPL Group	47½	47½
Federal Express	42½	42½
Fed Nat Mtge	39½	39½
First Bk Sys	67½	67½
First Union Rlty	9	8½
Fleet Finl Grp	52	51½
Fluor Corp	68½	68½
Ford Motor	31½	31½
GTE Corp	43½	43½
Gannett	76½	77½
Gap Inc Del	31½	31½
Gencorp	16½	16½
Gen Dynamics	69½	68½
Gen Electric	101½	102
Gen Mills	58½	58½
Gen Motors	55½	55½
Gen Reinsurance	154½	155
Gen Signal	42	41½
Genuine Parts	45	45½
Georgia Pac	71½	70½
Gillette	75½	75½
Glaxo Wellc ADR	31½	31½
Goodrich (BF)	43	42½
Goodyear Tire	48½	47½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	32	32½
Great Wstn Fin	28½	29
Halliburton	60½	59½
Harcourt General	50½	50½
Heinz (HJ)	36½	36½
Hercules	47½	47½
Hershey Foods	50½	49½
Hewlett Packard	48½	47½
Hilton Hotels	31½	31½
Home Depot	56½	57
Homestake Mng	15½	15½
Honeywell	65	66½
Household Intl	91½	91½
Houston Inds	24	24
Humana	19½	20½
ITT Corp	43½	43
Illinois Tool	75½	75
Illinova	27½	26
INCO	31½	31½
Ingersoll Rand	42	42
Inland Steel	16½	16½
Intel Corp	121½	122½
IBM	134½	134½
Intl Flav & Fr	43	42½
Intl Paper	42½	41½
James River Va	30½	30½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	51½	51½
Kellogg	66½	66½
Kerr-McGee	65½	65½
Kimberly-Clark	97½	98
Kmart	9½	9½
Knight-Ridder	39	38½
Lilly (Eli)	77	77½
Limited Inc	18½	18½
Lincoln Nat	49½	49½
Litton	47½	46½
Liz Claiborne	42½	42½
Lockheed Martin	90½	88½
Louisiana Pac	21½	21½
MCI Comm	28½	28½
Marriott Intl	55½	55½
Marsh & McLen	111½	110½
Masco Corp	33½	33
May Dept St	48½	49½
Maytag Corp	19½	19
McDonalds	47	47
McDonnell D	55½	56½
McGraw Hill	46½	46½
Mead Corp	56½	56½
Medtronic	67½	66½
Mellon Bk	67½	66
Melville Corp	39½	39½
Merck Inc	81½	80½
Merrill Lynch	77½	77½
Microsoft	143½	143½
Minnesota Mine	81½	80
Mobil Corp	117½	118½
Monsanto	39½	40½
Morgan (JP)	87½	88
Motorola Inc	46½	46½
Natl Semi	22	21½
Natl Service Ind	34½	34½
Navistar Intl	9½	9½
NY Times A	36½	39½
Newmont Mng	47½	46½
Niag Mohawk	8½	9
Nike B	58½	57½
NL Industries	8	8½
Noram Energy	15½	15½
Nordstrom	40½	40½
Norfolk Sthrn	87	86½
Nthn State Pwr	48½	48½
Norwest Corp	43½	43½
Nynex Corp	45½	45½
Occidental Pet	24½	24½
Ohio Edison	21½	21½

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Oracle	46½	45½
Oryx Energy Co	20½	20½
Overseas Ship	16½	16½
Owens Corning	39	38½
PHH Corp	48	37½
PPG Industries	58½	58½
PNC Bank	37½	37½
PP&L Res	24½	24½
Paccar Inc	60	60
Pacificorp	21½	21½
Pac Enterprises	30½	30½
Pac Gas & Elect	23½	23½
Pac Telesis	34½	34½
Pall Corp	25½	26½
Parker Hannifin	37½	37½
Peco Energy	27½	27½
Penney (JC)	53½	53½
Pennzoil	51½	51½
Pepsico	31½	31½
Pfizer	90½	90
Pharm & Upjhn	36½	37½
Phelps Dodge	65½	64½
Philip Morris	99½	97½
Phillips Pet	41½	41½
Pitney Bowes	57½	57
Polaroid	40½	39½
PriceCostco	22	22½
Procter & Gmbl	104½	105½
Providian	49	48½
Pub Serv E & G	28½	28
Quaker Oats	37½	38½
Ralston Purina	75½	75½
Raychem Corp	79½	78½
Raytheon	50½	50½
Reebok Intl	38	37½
Reynolds Metals	56½	56½
Rockwell Intl	60½	60½
Rohm & Haas	75½	75½
Royal Dutch	165½	163½
Rubbermaid	23	22½
SBC Comms	48½	48½
Safeco Corp	39½	39½
St Paul's Cos	54½	55
Salomon Inc	46½	46
Sara Lee Corp	39	38½
Schering Plough	69½	70½
Schlumberger	99½	98½
Seagram	38½	38½
Sears Roebuck	50	49½
Shell Trans	98½	97
Sherwin Wlms	54½	55
Skyline Corp	37	27½
Snap-On-Tools	33	32½
Southern Co	22½	22½
Sprint Corp	41	41
Stanley Works	29½	30½
Sun Company	22½	22
Sun Microsys	63½	64½
Suntrust	47	46½
Supervalu	30½	30½
Sysco Corp	35½	35½
TRW Inc	94½	94½
TCC Inds	1½	1½
Tandem Comp	13½	13½
Tandy Corp	39½	39½
Temple Inland	50½	49½
Tenneco	50½	50½
Texaco	96½	95½
Texas Inst	54½	53½
Texas Utilities	41½	41½
Textron	90½	91½
Time Warner	39½	39½
Times-Mirror A	47½	47½
Timken	44½	44½
Torchmark	49½	49½
Toys R Us	37½	37½
Transamerica	79	79
Travelers	60½	62½
Tribune	85½	85½
Tyco Intl	51	50½
UST Inc	30½	29½
UAL	48½	48½
US Inds	29½	28½
US West Comm	30½	30½
USX Marathon	22½	22½
Unicom	27½	27½
Unilever NV	164½	162½
Union Camp	47½	47½
Union Carbide	43½	43½
Union Pacific	59½	59½
Unisys Corp	6½	6½
USAIR Group	20½	20
USF&G Corp	19½	19½
US Life	30½	30½
United Tech	133	132½
Unocal Corp	38½	38½
VF Corp	68½	68½
WMX Tech	34½	34½
Wal-Mart Stores	26½	27
Warner-Lambert	68½	68½
Wells Fargo	273½	272½
Westinghouse El	19½	19½
Weyerhaeuser	45½	45½
Whirlpool	47½	46½
Whitman	23½	23½
Winn Dixie	34½	34½
Woolworth	22½	21½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	59½	60½
Xerox	48½	48½
Yellow Corp	15½	15½

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Naturally it was his first choice

FRANCIS BARON is looking forward to a few weeks abroad, after three years without a break as chief executive of First Choice Holidays. Curiously, he is planning to take his hols with First Choice, in spite of his hasty departure from it yesterday. "*They're the* best company, with the best products" he says. But until then, he is up to his ears in paint, decorating the Elizabethan House he recently bought with his wife in Lewes, Sussex. After reading up on his new pad, Baron is able to boast that it was once the home of a former Prince of Wales.

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FIRST CHOICE BOSS QUITS WITH £640,000

"Did we manage to sell him a holiday?"

ONLY six of the top ten partners at the leading law firms are Oxbridge graduates. Four went to Oxford, with full marks going to Exeter College, alma mater of both Colin Joseph of DJ Freeman and Andrew Walker of Lovell White Durrant. The average age is 52, and only four admit to spending spare time on the golf course a survey conducted by Legal Appointments magazine found.

Wobbly-Don

ACCORDING to my spies, David Mansfield has put on two stone since he took off across the globe in search of the right partner in food for Capital Radio. The commercial director's expanding girth is the cause of much concern, after he ate his way around the world, before plumping for My Kinda Town. A fanatical Wimbledon FC supporter, rumour has it that the red-haired Mansfield will soon be too big to fit through the turnstile.

High finance

DAVID "eager" Beever, former managing director of SBC Warburg, who this week joins KPMG, is already raking in the readies. As the newly appointed chairman of corporate finance, Beever was invited to attend a KPMG dinner in Birmingham, where he scooped the pool in a poker game. In one fell swoop, he turned a £25,000 stake into more than £1 million. Unfortunately for him, the stakes were theoretical, and all he took home was a measly magnum of champagne.

Plastic economy

BIGGER breasts, smaller hips and bulging lips are among the best barometers of Britain's economic well-being. The more nips, tucks, lifts and implants, the better off we are. The British Association of Cosmetic Surgeons says that its business is finely tuned to the nation's wealth, and that demand for artificial enhancement is currently booming. With older businessmen wanting to look younger and redundant executives splashing out on a new nose in the hope that it might get them a new job, the number of men succumbing to the knife is on the rise.

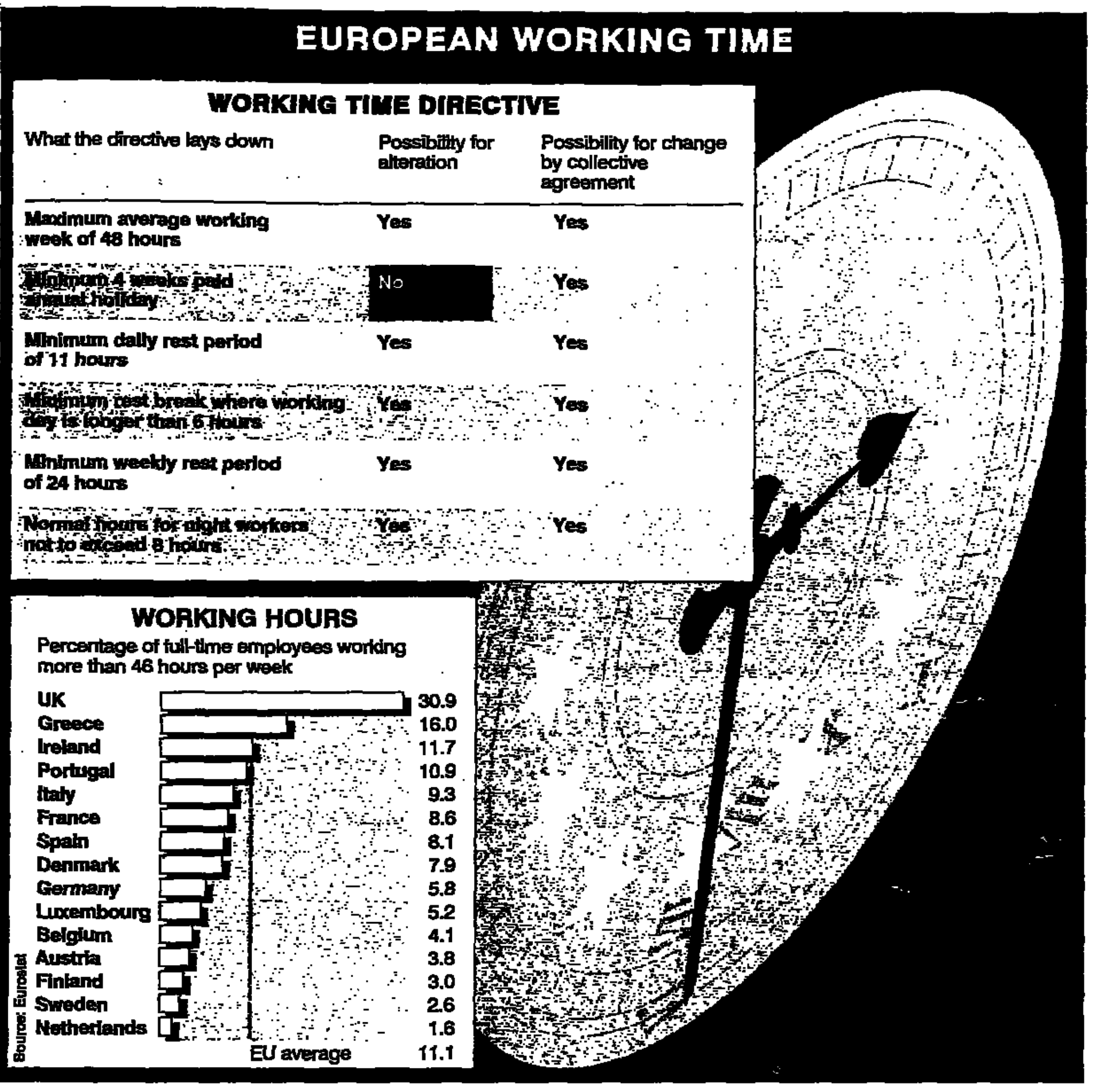
CBI conferences are looking increasingly politically partisan. No Conservative MPs in sight, but lots of new Labour: here a Barbara Roche, there a Stephen Byers; here a Nigel Griffiths, there a Peter Mandelson.

MORAG PRESTON

Business leaders prepare for judgment day in EU case

Executives prove more pragmatic than politicians, according to

Philip Bassett



EUROPEAN WORKING TIME

WORKING TIME DIRECTIVE

What the directive lays down	Possibility for alteration	Possibility for change by collective agreement
Maximum average working week of 48 hours	Yes	Yes
Minimum 4 weeks paid annual holiday	No	Yes
Minimum daily rest period of 11 hours	Yes	Yes
Minimum rest break where working day is longer than 6 hours	Yes	Yes
Minimum weekly rest period of 24 hours	Yes	Yes
Normal hours for night workers not to exceed 8 hours	Yes	Yes

WORKING HOURS

Percentage of full-time employees working more than 46 hours per week

UK	30.9
Greece	16.0
Ireland	11.7
Portugal	10.9
Italy	9.3
France	8.6
Spain	8.1
Denmark	7.9
Germany	5.8
Luxembourg	5.2
Belgium	4.1
Austria	3.8
Finland	3.0
Sweden	2.6
Netherlands	1.6
EU average	11.1

Source: Eurostat

Ilford, the photographic chemicals company, has a new shift system. Nothing unusual in that; except that the company's new way of working is specifically designed to comply with Europe's 48-hour working week directive — even before it is in force. As the UK Government's ministers brace themselves for today's judgment on working time by the European Court of Justice, companies in Britain are starting to get on with it.

"We got whoops of derision from other employers when we said we do not think the directive is a problem," says David Pepper, Ilford's personnel manager. "But we were looking for a way to guarantee to employees that flexible working is not a way of cheating them."

Ilford used the prospect of the directive as a means of persuading staff to accept a new shift system — one that guarantees minimum daily and weekly rest periods and limits the working week to 48 hours, and at the same time improves the company's response to orders.

Ministers and business leaders will today insist that if the European Court demands that the working time directive is implemented in Britain, the competitiveness of British business will be sorely hit. Ilford disagrees: the company estimates that far from its costs rising with the working time provisions, it has cut its labour costs by £3 million since introducing the new shift system, which should be fully in place by Christmas, and will offer the ability to raise output by 20 per cent at a week's notice, without the need for overtime or temporary staff.

Though rooted in the directive, Ilford's pragmatic move is a world away from the focus today in Whitehall and Westminster, in Brussels and at the CBI conference in Harrogate, on a room in Luxembourg where 14 judges in the European Court will give their ruling in a key legal action: Britain's challenge to the European Union's directive on working time.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, all sides are united on one thing only — that the European Court will reject Britain's attempt to set aside the directive, and that the UK will be forced to introduce measures which will limit the working week in Britain to no more than 48 hours.

From the Prime Minister and the Labour leader onwards, politics will immediately subsume the decision. Behind the political sound and fury, though, the Government will have no legal choice but to accept the ruling and implement the directive, if that is indeed what the judges in Luxembourg say.

What is open for ministers to decide is *how quickly they do that, with a general* election looming ever closer, and what other action to take in reply — from nothing, to using the crawling Intergovernmental Conference (IGC) negotiations and the EU presidential summit in Dublin next month to insist on new cross-EU rules exempting Britain from the directive, in spite of today's judgment.

Whitehall officials have been carefully preparing for today, readying a range of responses for ministers to adopt, after the announcement earlier this year of the opinion of the court's advocate-general, in which Britain's case was rejected. European Court judgments rarely run counter to these preliminary findings — hence the near-universal view that the UK Government's case will be rejected.

Behind the decision is a fundamental clash of philosophy, between the Government's commitment to deregulation, especially in the labour market, and the EU's insistence on common standards, including minimum job protection provisions, throughout Europe. But the core of today's argument is straightforward.

The EU, with the support of trade unions, argues that working long hours are a threat to health and safety, and have brought forward a directive to limit working time in order to ease that threat. Britain, with the support of employers, insists this is a subterfuge — a misuse of the provisions of the Treaty of Rome by bringing forward under the guise of a health and safety issue, on which individual member states have no veto, proposals relating to core employment terms and conditions, which EU members have the power to block.

Long hours are endemic in the UK, as the graphic shows. They are also on the increase: 3.9 million people in Britain now work more than 48 hours a week, compared with 2.7 million in 1984 — a rise of 41 per cent. Most long hours are worked by men, with industries such as mining and quarrying, agriculture and transport seeing the longest hours. Managers and blue-collar workers alike work long hours.

New research by the Institute of Personnel and Development shows that *the long hours that people in Britain* now work are more than they are contracted to work. Pushed by high workloads and a sense of obligation, on average British employees work nine *hours a week beyond their contracted* level.

More than a third of employees say they cannot imagine working any harder. Angela Baron, an IPD policy adviser, says: "In the long term it is unlikely that people can keep up with the punishing pace of work we are witnessing, and the trick is going to be to balance short-term gains with long-term effectiveness."

Health experts say stress-related illness is now estimated to cause the loss of 40 million working days in Britain every year, at a cost to industry of up to £8 billion. In the face of this, public support for legislation like the working time directive is strong. Poll evidence compiled for the TUC shows 78 per cent of people — including 72 per cent of Conservative voters — backing new laws to make it illegal for people to be forced to work more than 48 hours a week. Away from the high politics swamping today's judgment, how does business see the issue? Putting it simply, business views the working time directive with a great deal less fear and furore than the political world.

While business leaders at the CBI and in industries like engineering will today *make it clear that they would rather not* see the directive in place, they will be a long way from opposing it in practice. They will insist instead that the flexibilities inherent in it are extensive, and that *the Government ought to apply it in a* way which takes maximum account of them. The table makes clear which specific provisions in the directive can be open to change.

On the ground, just as they did with the recent provisions on European-style works councils, companies are shrugging off the political arguments and pragmatically getting on with. Ilford is one. Britain's heating and ventilating industry is another.

The industry has just reached agreement with the MSF general technical union for a 1996-97 pay deal. As well as a rise of *2.5 per cent, the agreement includes a* clause — thought to be one of the first of its kind in British industry — relating specifically to the working time directive, by providing for the calculation of *the 48-hour maximum* working week over 12, rather than four months, as laid down in the directive. Bill Belshaw, president elect of the industry's association, says the deal marks "important steps in the modernisation" of employee relations in the industry.

Such detailed pragmatism is likely to be the hallmark of the response of industry and trade union leaders to the directive, rather than the position-taking of politicians. Political leaders need to know how to make capital out of today's judgment and the directive behind it; business needs to know what it is, and how to get on with it.

First agreed in November 1993, directive 93/104 has to be implemented in EU member states by November 23. Brought forward under existing legislation, the directive will apply to the UK, if that is what the court announces today, because it is not part of the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty, from which Britain has opted out, though UK ministers may seek to have it included within the provisions of the opt-out if today's court judgment goes against them.

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, was clear yesterday about *what the Government* will do: "We intend to make sure it disapplies in this country." But if the court rejects Britain's legal challenge, the directive will apply to all workers in Britain, with some key *exceptions — doctors in* training, and workers in air, rail, road, sea, inland waterway, sea fishing and lake transport.

But the directive offers considerable opportunity for *flexibility* by adopting the so-called "derogations" contained within it — variations of the standards laid down which can be agreed between employers and employees — though employment lawyers are currently arguing whether the Government's legal challenge and the timing of today's judgment already puts at least some of these derogations out of Britain's reach.

Despite the lucrative potential that directive offers to lawyers, what is clear *is that today's judgment will set a very* tight legal timetable ticking. From public sector workers in particular, the Government may face the possibility of legal action to enforce the directive, *depending on today's outcome — and* public sector unions are already actively searching their files for cases to bring rapidly against the Government under this heading.

In one sense, then, today's judgment is only the start of the argument over the legal impact of the working time directive in Britain — how and when it is implemented, and how quickly. But in another, *it will be an explicit* punctuation mark on working time which, if the court judgment does go as expected, will for the first time in the UK give new rights such as paid holidays to employees, and which the Government will have no practical choice but to apply. That will be politically explosive — but as often before, business will have to pick up the pieces, and get on as some companies are doing already with the practical job of putting it into effect.

Fraser Nelson on this year's NatWest/*The Times* competition

A searching test of student ingenuity

You are the managing director of Go-Build, whose recent run of bad fortunes could be reversed by a contract to build a motorway through rural Blankshire.

It's a chance to turn your company around and avoid job cuts, but the bypass is bitterly opposed by local residents, who have teamed up with environmental activists to thwart its construction. The wrath of the national media has been aroused, and protesters are plotting to unleash chaos on your annual meeting. What do you do?

This is the moral dilemma put to candidates for this year's Business Ethics Competition, sponsored by the NatWest Group/*The Times*. It challenges undergraduates to put themselves in the place of the industry's decision-makers and to provide morally defensible solutions to complicated ethical problems.

The challenge, now in its third year, comes as part of a general campaign to make ethics a prominent part of business studies training. Derek Wanless, chief executive of NatWest, will be one of the six judges.

The competition, he says, is aimed at raising the level of the business ethics debate on campus. "Business ethics are now firmly on the agenda in boardrooms. They are important because companies now recognise that easy, short-term solutions can often lead to harmful long-term consequences for their profitability, or their relationship with particular groups of stakeholders."

undergraduate
business ethics
competition

This year's judges include John Drummond, *managing director of* Integrity Works, a business ethics consultancy. He forecasts that as ethics become increasingly important in business, *the ability to solve* moral quandaries will prove an essential discipline for future executives.

"Today's consumer is demanding more evidence of moral integrity from companies, as well as quality and cost," he says. "This makes business decisions a lot more complex, and requires executives to be capable of a much wider understanding of the issues they deal with."

The other judges are John Monks, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, Rabbi Julia Neuberger, chairman of Camden and Islington *Community Health Services* NHS Trust, and Lindsay Cook, business editor of *The Times*. Mr Monks says the winner will have grasped all sides of the *motorway dilemma*. "We will be looking for someone who understands that business is not just about profit maximisation. They should show awareness that the way people are treated has a big affect on how they perform."

There are sound commercial treasons for undergraduates to enter: the first prize is £3,000, while the second and third prizes are worth £2,000 and £1,000 respectively. All awards are matched with a similar amount paid to the winners' universities.

Last year's competition was based on another familiar ethical dilemma: a supermarket manager asked to *relocate from* an unprofitable suburban store to a much larger city centre building. *The store's old customers* are very unhappy, and the company's name is being blackened by the local press.

The best solution came from *Chris Ayres, who was studying* at Hull University. He argued that the suburban store should be kept open for a further two months, in which time the supermarket would find a bus company willing to transport its former customers to the new site. Low-income families should be able to exchange their bus tickets for grocery discounts, he continued, and the harsher comments from the local press could be countered through the use of advertising.

The solution should satisfy shareholders' demands for expansion, Mr Ayres concluded, while placating all but the most fervent protester.

According to ethical campaigners, these exercises will become as crucial to business *training as accountancy. If the* trend towards ethical business continues, tomorrow's employers will be looking for graduates to demonstrate *their moral, as well as* commercial, business acumen.

☐ *The competition is open to any undergraduate studying for a first degree. The closing date is February 28. Entry forms can be obtained from Anthony Fisher, NatWest Business Ethics Competition, Room 217, 41 Lothbury, London EC2P 2BP.*

ANATOLE KALETSKY

Look to bonds for next crash

Two weeks ago I gently suggested in this column that world financial markets had moved into the phase where the lunatics take over the asylum. Since then there have indeed been some pretty wild market movements: Wall Street has soared, London's bull market seems to have died, the dollar has plunged by 2 per cent in one memorable night in Tokyo, and Italy has been recognised by widows and *orphans as a better* long-term credit than Britain.

There is nothing unusual about such crazy periods. Speculative attacks strike *one market or another* every few years. In the early 1980s it happened to gold and oil. In 1987 the speculators rushed into American and European shares and then, two years later, into Japanese land and equities. In 1993 it was the turn of Asian emerging markets and bonds the world over. And in spring 1995 it was the *Japanese yen that suffered* (or gained, depending on your point of view).

The only thing that is a bit unusual about the present *bout of speculative fever is* the discrepancy between the visible symptoms and the diagnoses proposed by financial experts.

Investors the world over have chewed their fingernails down to the quick worrying about the extreme valuations on Wall Street — and American experts have been warning about the unsustainable growth of foreign government holdings of dollars and US Treasury bonds.

Yet, looking at the actual *behaviour of markets*. American equities and the dollar have moved steadily upwards in a perfectly controlled, almost stately, progression.

Meanwhile, the markets that really have been pushed by speculation to ludicrous extremes — Japanese and continental bonds, Hong Kong equities, all kinds of Swiss assets — have been treated as safe havens by investors trying to shelter from the supposedly excessive risks of putting their *money in America*.

The British markets, positioned psychologically in mid-Atlantic, have suffered from the worst of both worlds. *The pound has* strengthened dangerously on the perception that it is a safe haven from both American instability and the uncertainties of European monetary union. The stock market has fallen sharply, partly because of the strong pound and Kenneth Clarke's rate increase, but mostly, I suspect, because investors fear an imminent crash, presumably on Wall Street.

The dreaded crash will surely come. But what few investors seem to expect — and what is therefore quite likely to happen — is a crash somwehere less obvious than Wall Street. Where, then, might we witness the next financial earthquake? The most plausible answer is not in equities but *in bonds and specifically in* the government bond markets of Japan and Europe.

Bond markets all over the world now seem more vul*nerable than equities for* two main reasons. First, the markets are now behaving as if the possibility of inflation has been eliminated not just for the next few years, but forever. Secondly, even if inflation were as extinct as the dinosaurs, the present level of bond yields would also require the permanent extermination of economic growth and credit demand around the world.

The Japanese Government is now borrowing money at 2.5 per cent for ten years and has recently sold 30-*year bonds paying less* than 3.5 per cent until 2026. These bonds will surely prove the worst investment ever offered to unsuspecting *punters since the British* Government issued its irredeemable War Loan at 3.5 per cent.

In Europe, meanwhile, top-notch borrowers have been flooding the Eurobond markets with zero-coupon paper in Italian lire, yielding less than 8 per cent for ten years or more. It is worth recalling that the interest *rates now being offered by* Italy — and, remember, still in Italian lire — are lower than the interest rates Germany was paying in *marks less than five years* ago.

The only thing that could justify such permanently low interest rates, either in *Japan or in Europe*, would be a permanent recession, on top of complete price stability for up to 30 years.

Perhaps this is, indeed, what the markets assume. In Japan there seem to be precious few signs either of inflation or economic recovery, despite unprecedented efforts at *monetary and fiscal stimulation*. In Europe price stability seems assured by the prospect of monetary union, while perpetual recession is guaranteed by *the proposed* stability pact that the German Government again demanded yesterday afternoon. But here's the rub.

Conditions in Japan finally seem to be turning. Just when foreign investors have finally given up hope of a Japanese economic recovery and started selling their *shares in Tokyo, the yen has* begun to strengthen, the stock market has pulled out of its doldrums and bond prices have gone into free fall.

In Europe the outlook for bond investors is, if anything, even worse. The markets have been gaily *dancing on the grave of the* Bundesbank, but now the German Government itself is casting doubts on Germany's willingness to soften the EMU terms. And what if Germany does finally agree to turn the euro into a Camembert currency in order to admit France, Spain and Italy? Would anyone seriously expect a European Central Bank in which these countries commanded a clear majority over the Germans and Dutch to behave in the same way as the Bundesbank?

Why then should the yields on Italian and Spanish bonds converge down to German levels? It would surely be more logical for convergence to move the other way — with German yields rising to meet those of Italy and Spain. In comparison with Europe, Wall Street is a safe haven even with the Dow at 6,000 plus.

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Brighter outlook at Sidlaw after loss of £7.3m

By Fraser Nelson

SIDLAW, the troubled packaging company, yesterday reported pre-tax losses of £7.27 million for the year to September 30. However, its new chief executive claimed that the company has finally turned the corner.

John Durston, who joined the company last month, said that after having jettisoned its oil services division and loss-making packaging plants, the company was on course to return its first interim profit for two years.

Last year's heavy losses included exceptional charges of £8.2 million, including costs of disposing of unprofitable factories and of replacing Digby Morrow, the former chief executive, who received a £570,000 pay-off after being ousted in May.

Mr Durston said that Sidlaw had already seen business pick up in its second half. He said: "Some customers were let down in terms of service, and that had a bad effect on the order book. But now we are seeing growth in the fast-moving consumer goods, and our order books are pretty near full."

Having sold its oil services arm to its management last month for £56 million, the company now operates entirely from 13 flexible packaging plants across Europe. However, Mr Durston admitted that some remaining plants were still in difficulty. Although further closures were unlikely, they could not be ruled out, he said.

Overall, turnover was flat at £290 million (£283 million). On an underlying basis, profits were £1 million (£7.3 million) and earnings per share 1.6p (8.3p). In spite of a loss, after exceptional items, of 12p per share (1.7p loss), a final dividend of 1p will be paid on February 7 making the year's total 2p (11p).

Triplex Lloyd gets into top gear with 84% more

TONY WHITE

TRIPLEX LLOYD, the Midlands engineering group, produced a sparkling set of results yesterday showing interim pre-tax profits 84 per cent higher at £6.2 million (Sarah Cunningham writes).

Turnover in the six months to September 30 was £98.4 million, up from £97.9 million a year earlier. Underlying earnings per share were 19 per cent higher at 7p while the interim dividend is unchanged at 2.5p per share, payable on February 21.

Colin Cooke, chairman, left, pictured with Graham Lockyer, said he was "encouraged by the buoyant level of the group's order books" that stood at £66.7 million, compared with £61.5 million a year ago. He said the increase in overseas sales to 42 per cent of group turnover, from 40 per cent, confirmed the value of focusing "on businesses related to our key areas of expertise which produce technically advanced products and services".

Executives in majority if Emap rebels are removed

By Jason Nissé

EMAP, the media group, has no plans to replace two rebel non-executive directors, whom it is asking shareholders to vote off the board at next month's extraordinary meeting.

Removing the two rebels — Joe Cooke and Ken Simmonds — who tried to unseat Sir John Hoskyns, the company's chairman, among other protests, will reduce the number of non-executive directors from seven to five, putting them in a minority to the six executive directors on Emap's board.

Sir John said he believed that five non-executives was the right number for the Emap board. The company would not be searching for new non-executives until Richard Winfrey had retired next year.

Sir John said the company would not address the issue of succession — at the heart of the row with Mr Cooke and Professor Simmonds — until after the annual meeting next July. Sir John is not planning to retire until July 1998.

Emap starts a tour of institutional investors today. It hopes to kill off rumours of a row between Robin Miller, the chief executive, and David Arculus, the managing director. Mr Arculus said he had tried to arbitrate between Sir John and Mr Miller on one side and the rebel directors on the other, without success.

Sources at Emap say there has been creative tension between Mr Miller and Mr Arculus in the past, but the fact that neither has left, despite Mr Arculus being offered jobs such as chief executive of ITV, spoke for itself.

Mr Miller said he hoped the institutions would concentrate on the company's better than expected results for the half year to September 30, announced yesterday. These showed pre-tax profits up 34 per cent at £50.6 million, earnings per share up a third at 16p and a half-year dividend, payable on January 10, of 4.3p a share (3.7p). The shares rose 27½p to 750p.

The performance came despite a fall in advertising revenues in France, where Emap has been building a substantial magazines business. The fall was blamed on the sluggishness of the economy. Mr Miller said this business was being rationalised to enable it expand rapidly when the market picked up.

The company is also planning further expansion in radio, perhaps on the Continent, despite a slowing in the exceptional rates of growth seen in that sector.

Emap has also shown itself to be one of the few publishers able to make money from the Internet. Compuserve is using the Emap consumer titles' web sites to sell subscriptions, with the *FHM* men's magazine being the most visited site, and Emap has developed its own browser service. It is now developing specialist business-to-business services related to its magazine titles.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Chesterfield to pay £22m for Albion

ROBERT MAXTED, the property investor, is selling Albion Property Investments, his private property firm, to Chesterfield Properties for £21.9 million. Chesterfield will pay for Albion via an issue of ordinary shares at 545p each and warrants at 700p. Existing Chesterfield ordinary shares rose by 41½p, to 544p, yesterday. Mr Maxted, aged 49, is to be chief executive of the enlarged group, which will have pro forma net assets of £166 million. He will be on an initial two-year contract at an annual salary of £170,000. Mr Maxted said that the Albion transaction, which requires the approval of Chesterfield shareholders, was "an astute move for both companies".

The enlarged company will explore ways of separating its entertainment interests to concentrate on property activities. Albion, formed in late 1995, has a portfolio of 28 properties valued at £110 million at the end of September and producing an estimated net rental income of £11.4 million a year. Mr Maxted was a founding shareholder and chief executive of Pillar Property Investments from 1991 to 1994.

TI wins Forsheda

TI GROUP, the UK engineering and aerospace company, has declared victory in its £189 million battle to acquire Forsheda, the Swedish manufacturer of polymer seals. TI yesterday said that it had received acceptances in respect of 78.7 per cent of Forsheda's share capital and 90.2 per cent of voting rights. The offer has been declared unconditional and the acceptance period has been extended to November 22. The terms of the offer had been opposed by Henderson Investors, the UK fund management company, which spoke for 12.77 per cent of Forsheda.

Charles Sidney advances

CHARLES SIDNEY, the automotive distributor that specialises in Mercedes-Benz cars and trucks, said that current trading was in line with expectations. Passenger car dealerships have improved their performance but the truck outlets performed less well in a weak market. The company, which has changed its year-end to December 31, reported second interim profits of £5.7 million for the 12 months to August 31, up 56 per cent. Earnings rose 30 per cent to 9.5p. A second interim dividend is not being paid but a final dividend will be paid for the extended 16-month reporting period.

Critchley lifts payout

CRITCHLEY GROUP, the manufacturer of identification products and components for the electrical and telecommunications industries, is increasing its interim dividend by 14 per cent to 4p a share after reporting a 26 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £3.71 million for the half year to September 30. Earnings per share rose 15 per cent to 15.8p. The company said that sales of key products, including automatic wire marking, computer printable labels and electronic wound components, have grown significantly and that overseas business has been most encouraging.

Cleveland moves ahead

CLEVELAND TRUST, the industrial property investment company, which is also the operator of the port of Boston, Lincolnshire, said that total pre-tax profits increased to £916,000 from £606,000 in the half-year period that ended on September 30. Earnings were 4p a share, rising from 3.1p in the previous comparable period, and the interim dividend is increased to 2.5p a share from 2.45p. Cleveland acquired a [illegible]5 per cent interest in the port of Boston in July this year at a cost of £465,000, initiating a diversification from the company's traditional core business.

ABB buys GEC Meters

ABB, the international electrical engineering company, has acquired GEC Meters, the United Kingdom's largest manufacturer of electric meters for domestic and industrial applications, for an undisclosed sum. The company, based at Stone, Staffordshire, employs about 700 people and has annual sales of about £29 million. GEC Meters will be renamed ABB Metering Systems and will form part of ABB's global power transmission and distribution segment. ABB employs 13,000 people in the United Kingdom, with revenues of about £1 billion in 1995.

Big Bang for Tokyo

RUYTARO HASHIMOTO, the Japanese Prime Minister, yesterday announced a plan for a Japanese version of Big Bang to make the Tokyo financial markets better able to compete with those of New York and London (Robert Whymant writes).

The financial reform plan aims to make the Tokyo markets "free, fair and global" through sweeping deregulation measures.

The announcement comes amid growing concern at the flight of foreign companies from the stock, currency and other financial markets in Tokyo because of business restrictions and high trading costs.

Japan's surplus down by a third

From Robert Whymant in Tokyo

SPENDING by Japanese tourists, and rising oil prices, helped to cut Japan's formidable current account surplus by more than a third in the first half of the fiscal year. The decline in merchandise trade continued, but economists said that the trend was being slowed by the dollar's rise against the yen, and might be reversed next fiscal year.

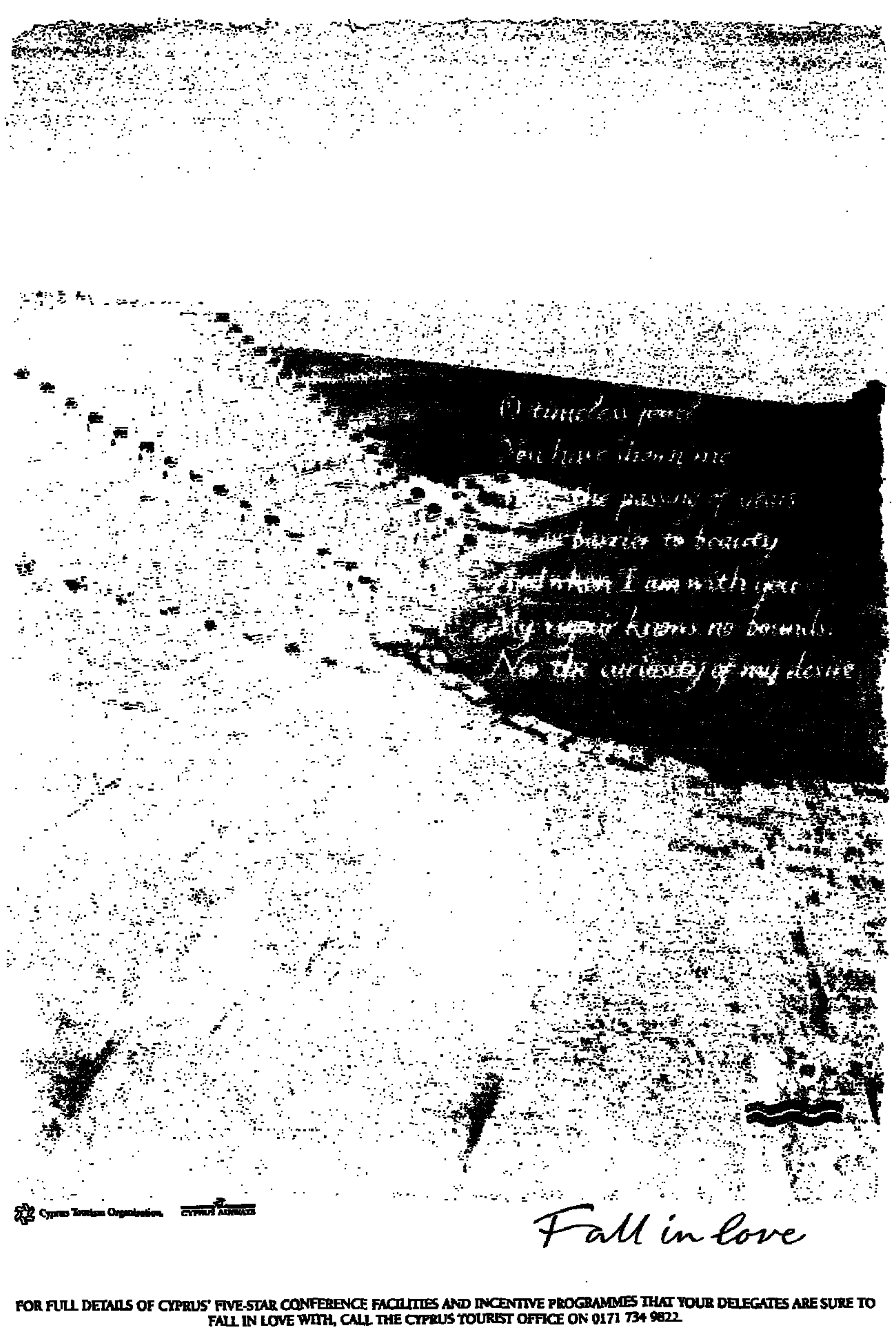
The current account surplus fell 35.3 per cent in the six months to September, to Y3.33 trillion (£18 billion), compared with a year ago. The figure is the lowest for any half-year period since the second half of 1990 and marks a decrease for the sixth consecutive six-month span.

Import growth continues to outpace the rise in exports. Japan's surplus in merchandise trade fell 32.1 per cent, to Y4.15 trillion, the smallest figure for any six-month period and down for the seventh consecutive half-year span. This was because of a 29.8 per cent rise in Japan's import bill for crude oil, on higher prices, and a strong performance by imports of office equipment and other goods.

The tourism account had its biggest deficit for any six-month period, reflecting the unabated appetite of the Japanese for foreign travel.

September saw a 35.6 per cent fall from the same month last year, to Y727.4 billion.

With the yen down nearly 30 per cent since spring 1995, imports to Japan have surged in yen value, but volume growth has slowed sharply this year.



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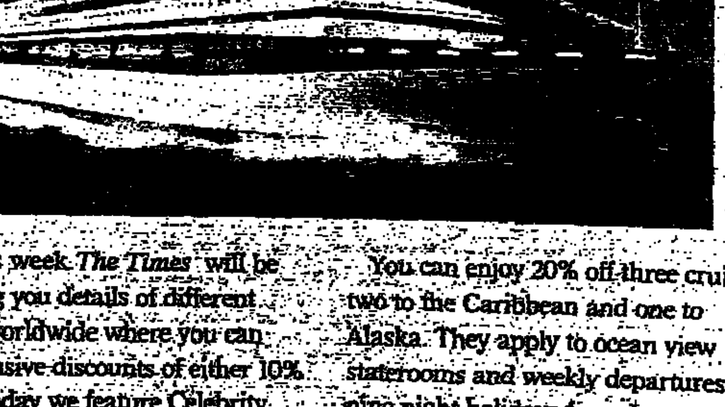
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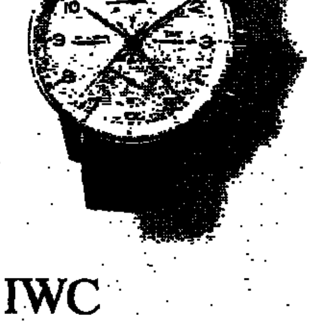

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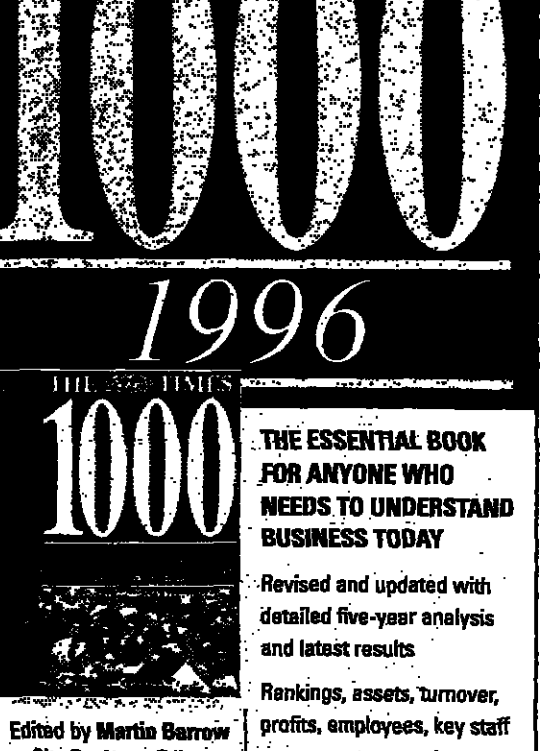

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Overseas companies have located the 'feel-good' factor, and it is in the UK. **David Crawford** introduces a four-page report

Britain rockets to top of league

Britain is high on the world's shopping list for new business locations. According to the Invest in Britain Bureau, no fewer than 48,000 jobs were created here during the financial year 1995/96, the result of 477 completed inward investment projects from 29 countries.

In one year, more than a third of all external investment into the European Union has come to Britain. Nearly half the job-creating moves originate in America, where companies are looking for a culturally friendly base in Europe. Asian interest is also becoming significant.

Newport in South Wales gained the largest single European investment ever made by a Korean company when electronics giant LG — which already produces microwave ovens at Washington in the North East — committed itself to a £1.7 billion manufacturing investment worth 6,100 jobs over six years.

'Newport in South Wales gained the largest single European investment ever made by a Korean company'.

Completing a spread of overseas investment in all four UK member countries are Hyundai's two-stage microchip manufacturing investment in Dunfermline, Scotland, and £80 million of Korean projects in Northern Ireland. Britain now has the largest slice of Korean investment of any EU member country.

Once Britain is on a company's shopping list, particular locations tend to be evaluated on a whole-country basis by decision-makers unaffected by historical, geographical or regional preferences. This is to the advantage of a key player in the market, the Commission for the New Towns (CNT), which currently has more than 2,590 acres of developable land and 350,000 square metres of industrial and commercial floorspace available throughout the English new towns.

Dr John Bradfield, the CNT chairman, argues that much of the international investment being attracted to his 21 locations could well have been lost to the country altogether if the new towns had not existed. "Several companies have informed us," he says, "that for the location of a European subsidiary, their choice was between a new town as their only UK selection and a Continental location."

CNT locations are still capturing a disproportionate number of start-ups "because they have been designed for new business and have in-built opportunities for future growth", says CNT marketing manager Stephen Ludford. A recent coup involved Japanese motorcycle components manufacturer FCC choosing a 6.8-acre site in Milton Keynes rather than cheaper locations in mainland Europe for its first European assembly base — despite the fact that 90 per cent of the company's output is destined for Continental markets such as Spain or Italy. FCC made the choice it did because the UK offered the best overall package of a skilled and competitive labour force, relatively low production costs — and reduced language barriers, according to company president Yoshihide Yamamoto.

Relocations need not be on a grand scale to be significant, though. Tentative moves by overseas companies wanting to test the UK or (more commonly) the European market from a low-cost representative office before making a major commitment are a growing phenomenon, mirroring established US practice.

The demand from overseas companies is being met by organisations such as Regus, which opened up with a single outlet overlooking Trafalgar Square in 1989.

Now it operates a network of more than 130 serviced business centres in 34 countries. Up to 50 per cent of its clients in the UK are international companies looking for an initial foothold in Europe, many of them choosing locations on well-designed business parks which offer short-term occupancy for anything between 60 and 80 occupiers.

A typical recent arrival at Regus's Birmingham Airport Business Centre, developed on property group Arlington's Birmingham Business Park, is US software group DataWorks, which decided in January that it needed to open a UK subsidiary office from which to attack the European market. Company secretary Avril Maybury rates the move "a relocation success" and DataWorks is already planning to consolidate its presence by moving into its own building in Birmingham in 1997.

Encouraging as current success rates are, however, there is a growing awareness that complacency could prove disastrous. Britain's European partners are becoming increasingly competitive — not least since they recognise that many of them have a language problem to overcome.

The global mobility of capital and the present tide of corporate rationalisations within the EU both mean that Britain needs to allocate resources, not only to wooing new investments, but to keeping existing ones (expansions are currently running at twice the rate of new arrivals). To maximise Britain's opportunities on both fronts, the Invest in Britain Bureau is introducing the Invest in Britain Information Service (IBIS), a digitised databank which uses ISDN technology to match investor needs as logged by British commercial posts throughout the world with site and labour availability in likely regions of the UK.

Already live for Yorkshire and Humberside, and the East Midlands, IBIS is being progressively rolled out to deliver total national coverage by early 1999 — ahead of emerging European competition from, most notably, Germany.

IBIS is a key element in the IBB's new International Investor Development Programme (IIDP) which is making progress on another major initiative — the bench-marking of regional development organisations.

This acknowledges how vital it is to deliver the second-tier financial, professional and technical support services that companies will need once development and expansion projects are "handed down" from national level.

In the final analysis, achieving the right location first-time round is the most efficient way of retaining the value of future investments. Recent research by the CBI and CNT shows that of relocations undertaken by companies based in the UK, two thirds take place within a ten-mile radius.

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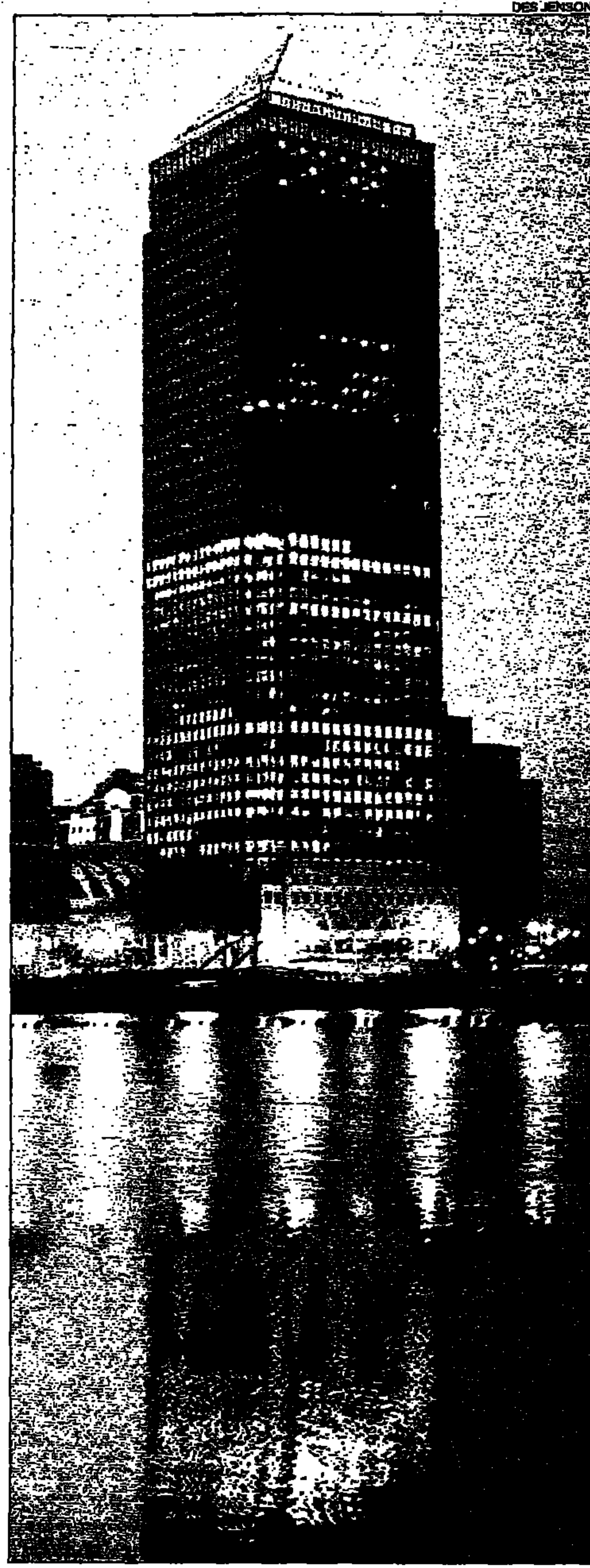

Developments such as Docklands impress overseas investors

Capital is still leading the pack

London is now riding high on
a succession of favourable
surveys of business and life-
style opinion. Voted Europe's best
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Meanwhile, more than 700 Brit-
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the best city out of 24 in a poll
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Birmingham, which unexpectedly
came top last year. In America,
Fortune magazine has named
London as the best European city to
live in (and the second best in the
world, after Toronto). Newsweek
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For Robert Gordon-Clark, of the
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Since its forma-
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as a part public, part privately-
funded inward investment agency
for the capital, the LFC has helped
more than 60 international com-
panies to locate or remain in (or
close to) London. Half of these are
American-owned.

At the same time, there is rising
interest from South East Asia. An
important Thai company is now
looking to establish a presence,
while a number of second-tier
Korean concerns are prospecting
for London bases from which to
service the chaebols (Korean con-
glomerates) which have been rapid-
ly establishing themselves through-
out Britain.

LFC's target for this financial
year is 40 completions, and its
success rate to date is running
ahead of target. Inquiries, at 106,
are already double last year's level.

Recent coups include Delta Air-
lines, which has consolidated its 12
West European reservation sales
offices at Park Royal, West London,
and Norton Healthcare, a subsid-
iary of the American IVAX Corpo-
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London Docklands as the site for i
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Inc (LTI) rejected initial thoughts
Paris, on the grounds of linguist
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trendy Clerkenwell. LTI's own
Eric Taubman, who specialises
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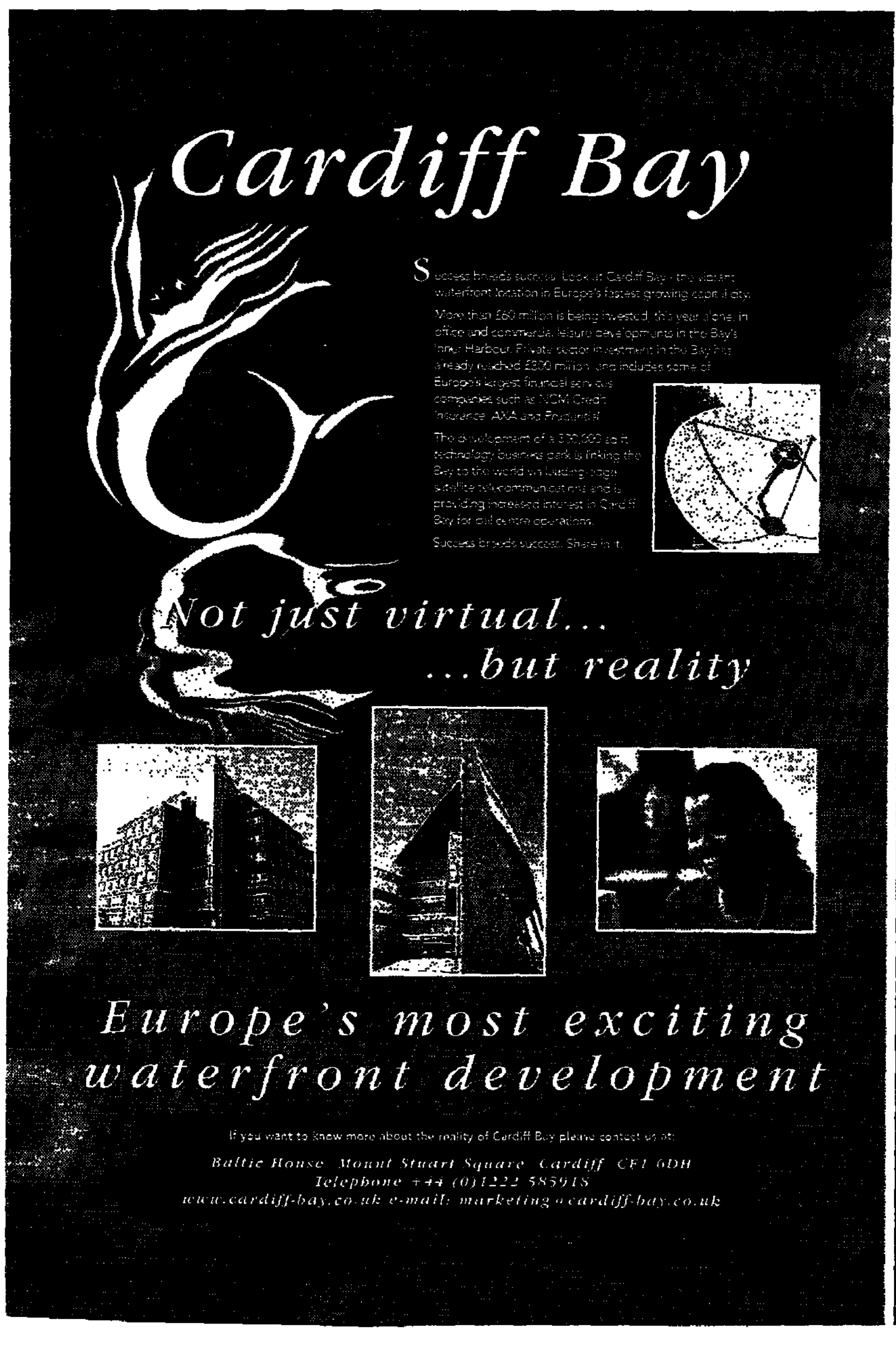
Fears of cities in mainland Europe taking over are fading



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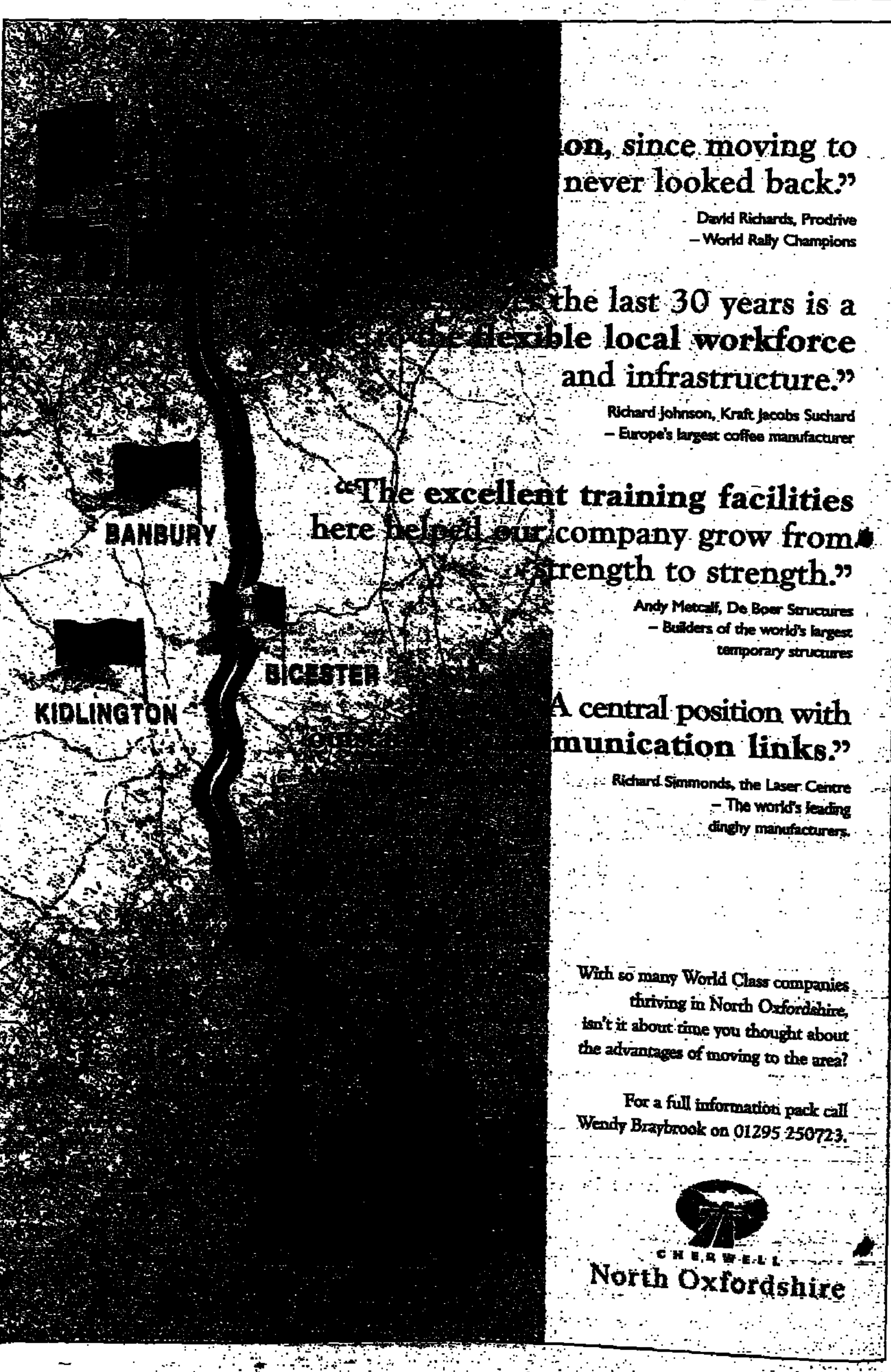

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The regenerating game

From the Tyne to the Channel, industry is on the move, says Craig Seton

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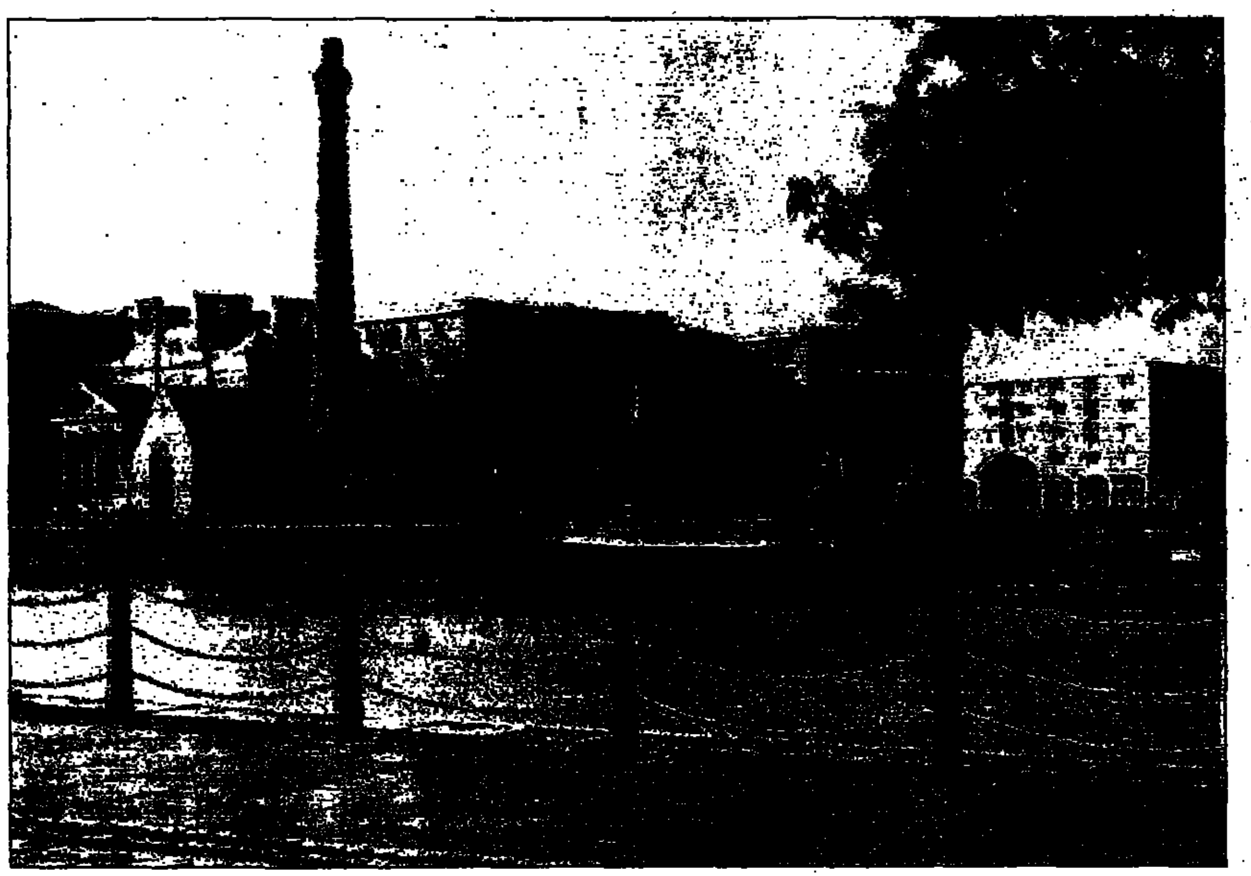
Albert Dock was regenerated by Merseyside Development Corporation, which aims to attract overseas investors

There is growing evidence that overseas investors increasingly regard sites in many of the English regions as prime locations to serve their British and European customers. Following the decisions of Korean firm Samsung Electronics to establish a complex in Teesside, and Siemens to set up a £1.1 billion microchip plant on North Tyneside, further arrivals are expected.

The proximity of Manchester airport and the motorway network influenced the American electronics firm Photronics to build a multi-million-pound plant at Trafford Park Development Corporation's Wharfside site in Manchester. The firm has been backed by £3 million-worth of financial assistance.

In Liverpool, the American membership warehouse club PriceCostco set up last year on a 14-acre derelict site that was regenerated by the Merseyside Development Corporation. Merseyside is also being promoted as a prime location for the development of call centre services, with US-owned QVC building a £14 million call centre at Knowsley for a home-shopping TV channel.

In the West Midlands, centre of the UK automotive industry, Jaguar is expanding its plant at Castle Bromwich, West Midlands, in a £400 million project to produce a small executive car. The Rover Group plans to build a new compact four-wheel-drive sports utility vehicle at its Land Rover plant in Solihull.

A new joint venture, Unipart Yachiyo Technology, is building a £35 million plant in Coventry to produce body components for Honda, creating 150 jobs.

In the East Midlands, the 300-acre Eurohub international road and rail freight delivery, distribution and collection complex has been opened in Corby, Northamptonshire. It will play a major role in automotive imports and exports.

American-owned Applied Materials Europe announced plans this month to establish a European technical centre at Royal Quays in the Tyne Riverside Enterprise Zone, to train engineers for the semiconductor industry. It is a first step by regional development bodies towards creating a European microelectronics institute in the north of England.

In Yorkshire and Humberside, three Korean electrical firms are locating in the Dearne valley — and the German car component firm LUK (UK) has announced a £9 million expansion of its factory near Rotherham.

Kingston upon Hull, a single-tier unitary authority since April, is now flexing its muscles to attract inward investment. Already home to companies including Birds Eye Walls, Rank Hovis McDougall and Smith & Nephew, it aims to become a leading European maritime city, using its access to northern Europe to attract exporting firms.

The Tees Valley Development Company is citing an abundance of water for industrial processes as a reason for firms to locate within its boundaries, together with its high levels of financial incentives, green field sites, trained workforce and docks.

Dover, Kent, has initiatives to replace thousands of jobs lost in the ferry industry. Phase one of the White Cliffs Business Park offers serviced sites for potential relocators and expanding local firms, while a proposed £100 million redevelopment of the Western Docks is underway to create an office and leisure centre.

The Cherwell-M40 Investment Partnership is promoting Banbury, Oxfordshire, as an attractive area for inward investors. The organisation has created 1,000 jobs in each of the past five years and is seeking new clients for 300 acres of development land.

A new junction of the M5 motorway in Gloucestershire is opening up access to a business park on the 280-acre site near Gloucester being developed by Arlington. A partnership of local authorities and the county Training and Enterprise Council wants the Ministry of Defence's former 600-acre site at RAF Scampton in Lincolnshire passed to it as collateral to raise funds for mixed development..

In the east of England, private and public sector partners are forming a development agency that hopes to attract inward investment to Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.The Commission for the New Towns has sold a £1.8 million site in Stevenage to the Dixons Group plc, enabling the firm to go ahead with a £20 million expansion of its national distribution centre.

Sights now set on research and development

'Crown jewels' are the target

Scotland's ambitions extend well beyond the return of the Stone of Scone. One of its targets is the acquisition of the Crown Jewels.

Not the contents of the Tower of London but something that Locate in Scotland, the inward investment arm of Scottish Enterprise and the Scottish Office, values more highly: company research and development.

This fanciful description of R and D is a favourite of Martin Togneri, Locate in Scotland's director, who reiterates the need to target knowledge-intensive investment. "It's natural that companies adopt the view that their R and D facilities are something they should not let out of their sight," he says. "But the potential is there to win some for Scotland."

The good news for Scotland is that it continues to attract a record share of the UK's inward investment, creating or underpinning 1,000 jobs a month, against mounting competition from Romania, the Czech Republic and Denmark.

The value of this year's investment has received a dramatic boost in the announcement that the Korean electronics group Hyundai is to spend £1 billion on a semiconductor plant in Dunfermline. Work will start early next year. A planned second phase will involve investment up to £1.4 billion, making it the biggest financial investment by an overseas company.

The development fits neatly into Mr Togneri's balanced approach of seeking new companies and new countries to target while encouraging companies with existing investments to expand in Scotland. "The new plant in Dunfermline is much more than the popular conception of long benches in a huge shed. Hyundai is involved in a complex and sophisticated manufacturing process and will be looking for a broad range of engineering skills."

Scotland is well placed to meet the needs of knowledge-intensive investments, producing the highest number of graduates and engineering students per capita in the European Union, its total exceeded only by Norway. It tops the European table of growth rate in manufacturing productivity and Edinburgh University ranks among the world's top ten research centres in computer science.

The drive to extend the global spread of investors was rewarded in May when Shin Ho Tech became the first Korean industrial group to announce a major investment in Scotland, with a computer monitor factory at Glenrothes, creating 280 new jobs. Two more Taiwanese companies are to follow Chunghwa Picture Tubes to Lanarkshire. Chunghwa, making its first investment in Europe, pioneered a Taiwanese presence in Scotland and will provide 3,300 new jobs over the next four years, the largest number ever created in the UK by an inward investment.

North America, which already accounts for half the overseas-owned plant in Scotland, is making further investments. Among a new wave of arrivals, Simple Technology of California has chosen East Kilbride for its manufacturing plant outside the US.

The same location has drawn Smart, the memory specialists, to create 245 new jobs, and a Californian aviation company is bringing 200 jobs to Prestwick. National Semiconductor is investing a further £30 million in its Greenock plant, the largest within the corporation, and IBM is expanding its pan-European Help Centre at Greenock for the third time in 18 months, raising the number employed there to 500.

Where is the future investment coming from and how may it be shaped by imminent political events? "Companies most dislike uncertainty, elections included, but I do not see any suggestion of a change in approach," says Mr Togneri. "Business in future will be split equally between North America, Asia and Europe, and I would like to see more investment from France and Germany."

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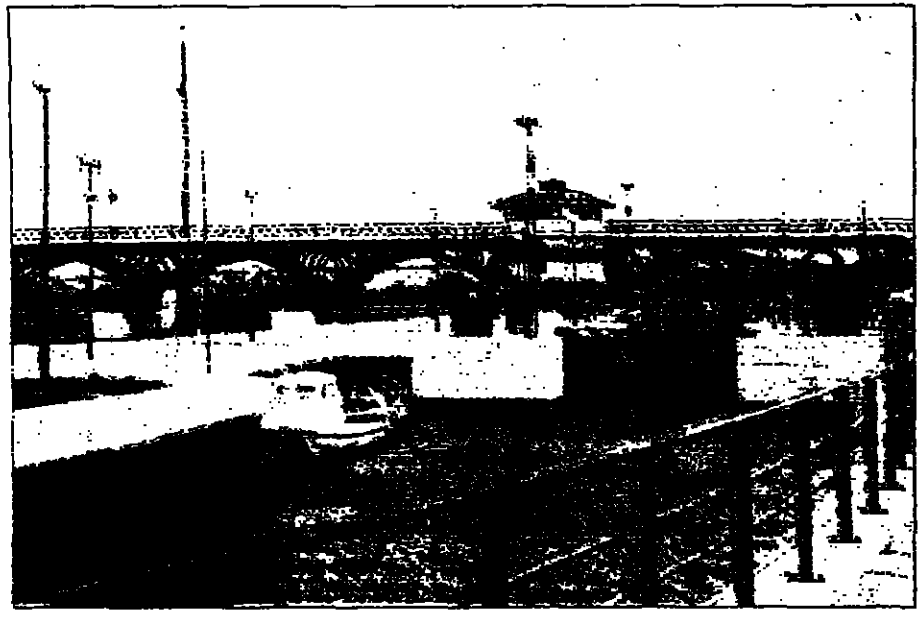
Teesside, where Samsung is opening a new plant, boasts plentiful water for industry

Jobs galore for Valleys

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Gateway to Wales: the Second Severn Crossing

During the last financial year Wales attracted £910 million worth of capital investment from overseas, thereby creating 12,275 new jobs. During the first six months of this financial year it doubled last year's total by winning capital projects worth £1.8 billion.

Already, overseas companies have created 9,800 jobs. That is only 200 jobs short of the target set for the whole year by William Hague, Secretary of State for Wales.

Much of this success is due to Newport netting the LG project for the Korean electronics company formerly known as Lucky Goldstar. When announced back in July it was Europe's largest single investment, injecting £1.7 billion into the Welsh economy and creating 6,100 new jobs.

"It is the best advert Wales can have for the next decade," says James Turner, head of inward investment at the Welsh Development Agency. "Since the announcement we have had inquiries from suppliers in Asia, California and Europe who are considering relocating to Wales to be near LG."

It is expected that these suppliers, together with their support industries, will create a further 15,000 jobs after LG's television sets and silicon chips begin production next autumn.

Korea was not the only Asian country active in Wales this summer. Following the opening of the Second Severn Crossing, the principality welcomed its 50th Japanese manufacturing company, Showa. This automotive components producer established its European manufacturing facility in the Cynon Valley, creating 200 jobs and investing £10 million.

Between them Wales's 50 Japanese firms have invested £1.5 billion in the principality and created 16,000 jobs since the first Japanese business, Takiron, moved in 24 years ago. And they are still coming. Earlier this month, Toyo Seal Industries announced plans to locate its first manufacturing facility outside Japan in Wrexham, North Wales. There it will invest £2.4 million in producing rubber seals for the UK's automotive industry.

Wales has also benefited from new businesses moving in and from resident American-owned firms expanding. Among the former is aerosol manufacturer US Can, which made its first European investment in Merthyr. It is spending £30 million on an aerosol-can production facility that will create 120 jobs.

Late last month, General Electric and the Nordam Group of Tulsa joined forces to establish Europe's first full-service independent aircraft repair facility at Blackwood. This £6 million project is creating 170 jobs.

Among the expansions is hair-care products manufacturer Alberto Culver. It is creating 95 jobs following a £3.15 million development in Swansea.

Last week, Align-Rite announced a £11 million expansion at its Bridgend photomask plant that will create 200 new jobs.

This year has seen European companies return to the relocation market. Among such companies selecting Wales is BOS of Stuttgart and Fiamm of Italy. The former is investing £10 million, creating 100 jobs in Wrexham, while the latter is spending £10.5 million on a manufacturing plant for heavy duty batteries at Crumlin, creating 200 jobs.

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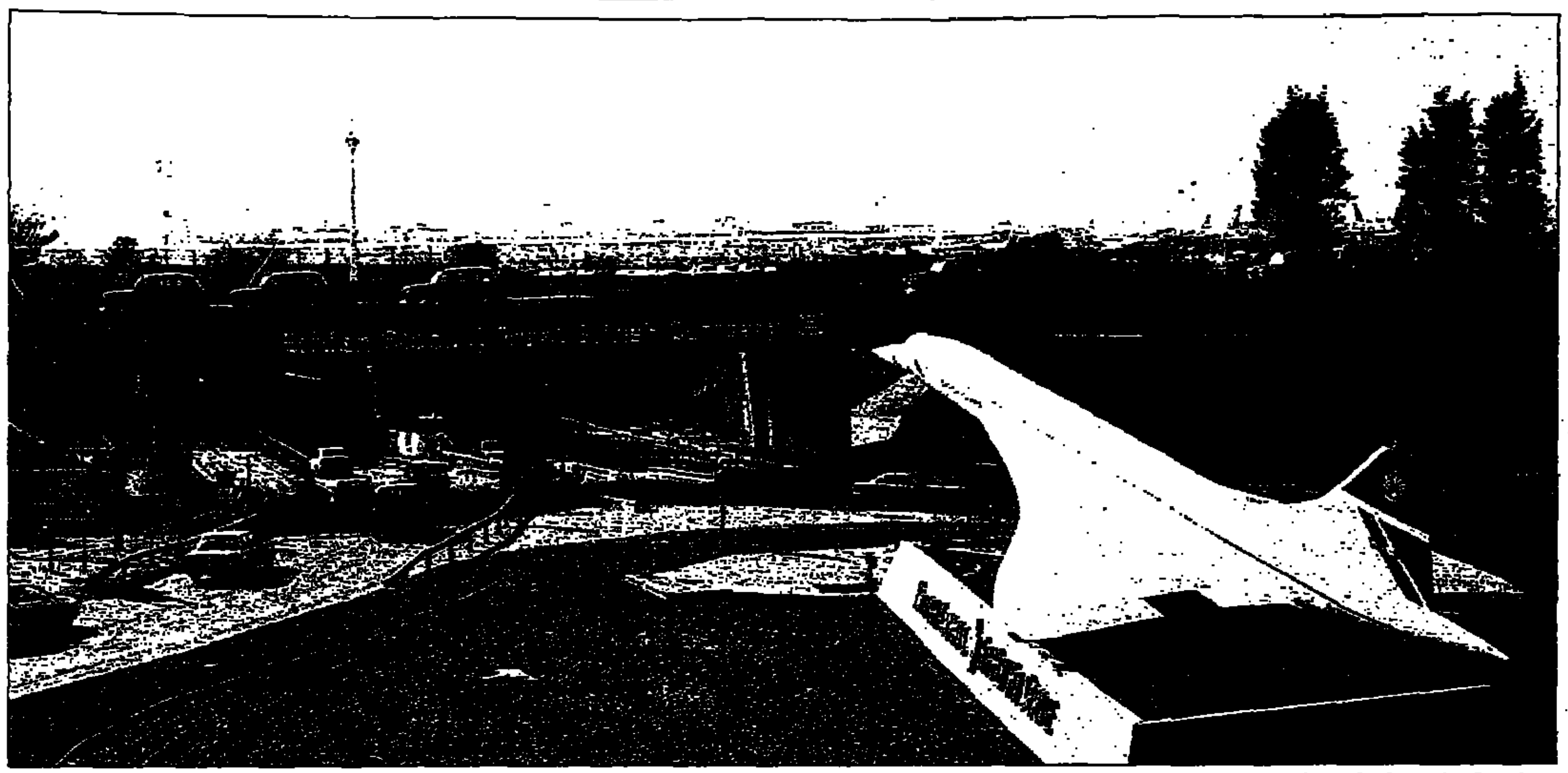
Outer city sites with good connections are attracting investors, says **David Crawford**



Heathrow has attracted businesses to the counties west of London. Such links are more attractive to many than the prestige of a base in the city

Home Counties clear for take-off

As an economic unit, London extends well beyond its historic core to the M25 and further, influencing the wellbeing of the South East as a whole. Successful exploitation of the city's high profile benefits outlying areas, too.

Of the success stories logged by the London First Centre (LFC), nearly half have involved sites largely to the west of London where access to Heathrow Airport is a crucial factor. The most important is the relocation of Samsung's European HQ to Hounslow in co-operation with the Hounslow Partnership. Bromley and Croydon are developing similar partnerships.

A number of LFC-brokered moves have been to places in the Home Counties outside Greater London, while the Thames Valley Partnership is working on three potentially promising projects west of the capital. Such initiatives reflect the fact that overseas investors are often more interested in access and communications — links to roads, ports and airports — than in relocating in or near London itself.

Until now the South East, like East Anglia, has lacked a Government-assisted regional development organisation (RDO) like those which cover the North and the Midlands. Until the recession, London's hinterland was officially seen as being largely free of the unemployment problems and infrastructural investment needs of other regions, although there have long been blackspots within the apparently affluent Home Counties.

These gaps in the national support network will now be filled, following last week's announcement that RDOs will serve both the South East and the East of England from 1997, with the East likely to be slightly ahead in the race to open shop. This belated initiative undoubtedly owes much to the success of the LFC, which will co-operate with its new neighbour bodies.

SOUTH EAST

Even without its own RDO, the South East has attracted a good deal of inward investment in recent years. More than 3,000 foreign-owned organisations operate in the region, 1,400 of them manufacturing-based, with the US (as elsewhere) leading the field. Denmark, France, Germany, Sweden and Switzerland are also well represented and there are more than 100 Japanese companies.

Surrey, for example, is benefiting from Nokia Telecommunications' recent commitment to a £44 million expansion which will safeguard 300 jobs and create 600 new ones. Hemel Hempstead in Hertfordshire was the chosen base for Sanyo Energies' first UK manufacturing plant, set up to make nickel cadmium batteries.

Berkshire and Buckinghamshire are both established centres of high-tech industry, thanks largely to their good motorway and airport connections. Hampshire's strong industrial base was a factor in persuading automotive manufacturer Microturbo to commit £15 million to a plant specialising in the design and manufacture of gas turbines.

Kent's "Garden of England" image has been tarnished by severe unemployment blackspots, but now it has taken advantage of enhanced links with mainland Europe to form a cross-Channel economic development with its French counterpart of Nord/Pas de Calais. The county is also bidding strongly to win a share of the fast-growing international call centre business, which has tended to favour perceived low-cost areas.

Research has shown that Kent can compete surprisingly well in terms of providing higher-quality labour at below national average costs. With 96,500 daily commuters to London available to be wooed to local employment, the county has recently joined forces with the Invest in Britain Bureau and BT in a project aimed at developing an incubator call centre.

Kent is also attracting attention for the South East's first postwar private enterprise new town. Rouse Kent's high-profile King's Hill development near Maidstone has recently won occupiers of the calibre of Rhone-Poulenc Rorer (relocating from Eastbourne for better access to Europe), tissue manufacturer Kimberly-Clark and City marketing consultancy Hobart Communications.

Telecommunications developments such as ISDN are likely to influence more London businesses to move out to the M25 and beyond.

It's vroom time where car industry is king

The automotive industry underpins the economy of the West Midlands to a greater extent than any other single industrial sector supports employment and wealth creation in a UK region.

About 75,000 people are directly employed by vehicle manufacturers and component suppliers in the area. Overseas investment by automotive-based companies locating in the West Midlands or through the expansion of existing foreign firms is becoming more influential.

Jaguar, owned by Ford, is investing £400 million at its Castle Bromwich plant to produce a new "baby" executive car. The Rover Group, Britain's biggest car maker and part of BMW since 1994, is to produce a new compact four-wheel-drive utility vehicle at its Land Rover site at Solihull.

Land Rover's new vehicle is expected to support more than 10,000 jobs in the UK's automotive supply sector and inject £3.5 billion into the components industry.

MIDLANDS

Of the estimated 600 automotive component suppliers in the West Midlands, most of the top 100 are foreign-owned. Among their customers are car-makers in the region and elsewhere in the UK, together with manufacturers of industrial and commercial vehicles, such as the Birmingham-based van maker LDV, and Carbodies at Coventry.

Last month it was announced that Denso Manufacturing, a joint venture between the Denso Corporation of Japan and Magneti Marelli of Italy, would invest £30 million to expand the greenfield site it has occupied in Telford, Shropshire, since 1992.

It produces car air-conditioning and heaters for customers such as Land Rover, Rover, Jaguar, Toyota UK in Derbyshire and Honda at Swindon, Wiltshire.

US car seating companies Johnson Controls and Lear Seating have located in the West Midlands to serve the car makers: the former at the Black Country Development Corporation's specialist automotive components park and the latter in Coventry.

Hishinuma Machinery, Japan's leading hot chamber die-casting machine manufacturer, has opened its European HQ in the Tipton area of the Black Country, with Honda and Toyota among its customers.

French-owned Sommer Allibert is to invest £15 million at its existing Fradley Park, Staffordshire, site, where it will make dashboards for the new Rover 600 series.

The West Midlands Development Agency has played a lead role in securing the location of the automotive-based inward investors to the region.

During 1995-96 it secured 76 investment projects across numerous industrial sectors worth £840 million. The deals have created 7,000 new jobs and safeguarded a further 4,400.

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Rover's production of a new 4x4 vehicle at its Solihull site will support 10,000 jobs

Agents help to attract US entrepreneurs

The announcement last month that the American-owned K&L Microwave firm will establish a £4.6 million plant in East Yorkshire underlines the importance of the UK's inward investment agencies having their own representation in North America. *Craig Seton writes.*

Companies from the United States continue to be the UK's largest single source of new inward investment, representing 208 of the 477 such projects during 1995-96, according to the Invest In Britain Bureau.

K&L Microwave's decision to set up a 9,000 sq ft factory in Bridlington followed contacts with the Government-funded Yorkshire and Humberside Development Agency's (YHDA) office in Concord, Massachusetts.

Maryland-based K&L will design and manufacture microwave filters at its UK facility for use in the base stations of civilian and military cellular, telephone and satellite communications systems, creating 170 jobs over five years.

So far this year, the YHDA's office in Massachusetts has handled 78 inquiries from US companies considering possible relocation to the region. Sue Crosland, the agency's business development manager for North America in Concord, says: "It is hard to underestimate the value for such companies as K&L in being able to communicate with the agency's representatives quickly and often with face-to-face meetings."

AMERICAN INVESTMENT

The 250 American-owned companies that have established facilities in Yorkshire and Humberside, employing 30,000 people, are the region's biggest source of investment from overseas. They include Coca-Cola in Wakefield and Kimberly-Clark at Barton, Humberside.

Other UK agencies also stress the crucial importance of US representation. American-owned Omega Engineering Inc, which is building a European manufacturing facility at Irlam, Manchester, decided on the site after initial contacts with the Trafford Park Development Corporation's office in St Louis, Missouri.

The US firm manufactures measurement and control components and chose the 26-acre Manchester site after a lengthy selection process involving other potential locations throughout Europe. About 500 jobs will be created over ten years.

Trafford Park has attracted 35 American companies, and its biggest coup this year has been the decision by the electronics company Photronics to build a £47 million European HQ at Wharfside.

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When it comes to relocation, few companies can claim the skills of an estate agent, communications specialist and tax expert in-house. Other factors are the local knowledge necessary to advise staff on schooling in areas around Britain, counselling for families, information on spouse employment and the details involved in moving job and house. That is why many companies call in the specialists.

BP Chemicals handed over administration of all its relocation to agents "because they are the experts who know the housing market and are dealing with it all the time," explains Ian Fyfe, human resources advisor for BP Chemicals based at Grangemouth. "At first we were nervous of passing on the activity but we found that sub-contracting staff relocation is cost-effective."

A survey by PHH Relocation of 300 British businesses who moved their staff in the past year found that one-third sub-contracted the move to reduce the administrative burden, while a quarter wanted specialist expertise.

Relocation is a widely accepted way of life for staff in pharmaceutical group Zeneca, where Vanessa Ainsworth, UK relocations officer, uses an agent to handle the routine administration, enabling her department to manage the broader policies and issues. Sub-contracting is cost-effective because it cuts down on turnaround time.

About 100,000-150,000 staff are moved around the country each year by their employers. The sharp drop in office rents in central London has halted the dramatic exodus of companies to cheaper parts of the country to reduce costs. An improving economic climate, however, means that organisations need more space for expansion.

Black Horse Relocation recently found that over a fifth of companies surveyed were considering moving within the next five years, mainly because they believed they would outgrow their current premises, but few had yet made the decision. The average time between the decision and the move is four months — so how can companies make the right choice of relocation agent?

Zeneca looked at several agents' checking their experience, how well established they were, and the turnaround time they offered. "Ask for references to establish the quality of the service, and follow them up by talking to past customers", Ms Ainsworth advises. "But the most important criterion is to be able to work together in partnership."

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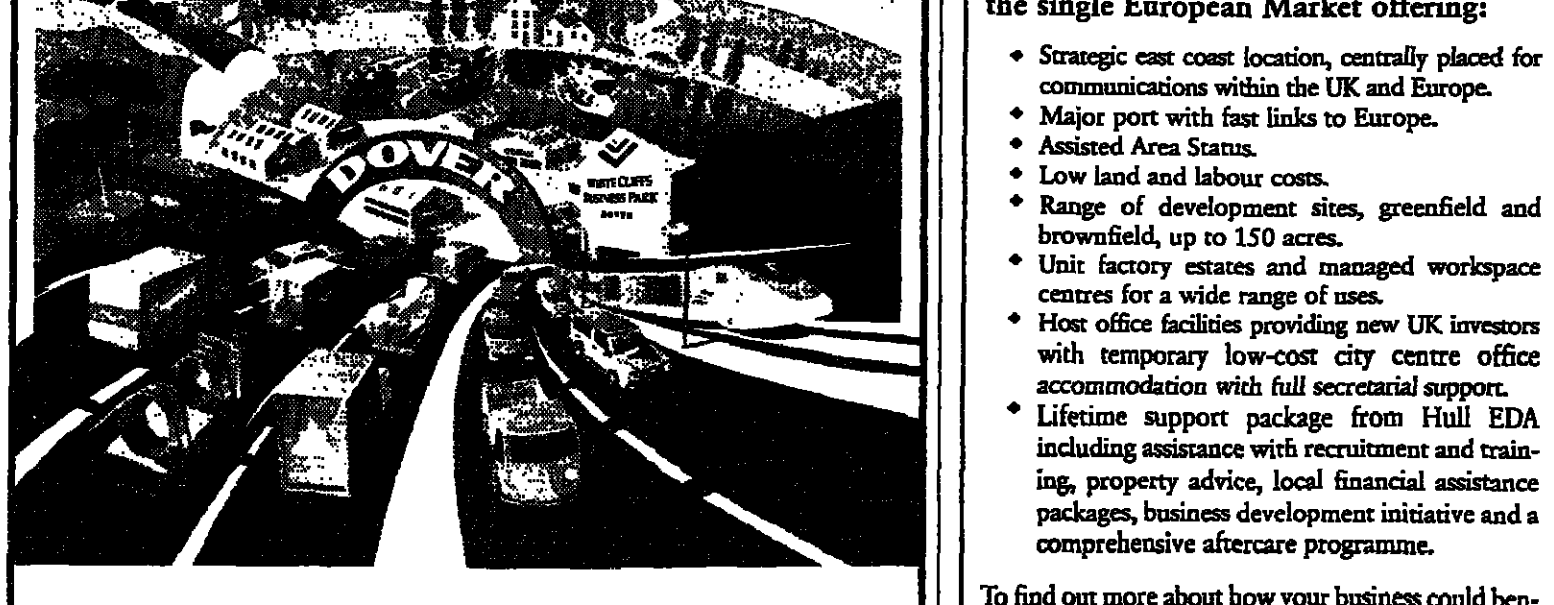
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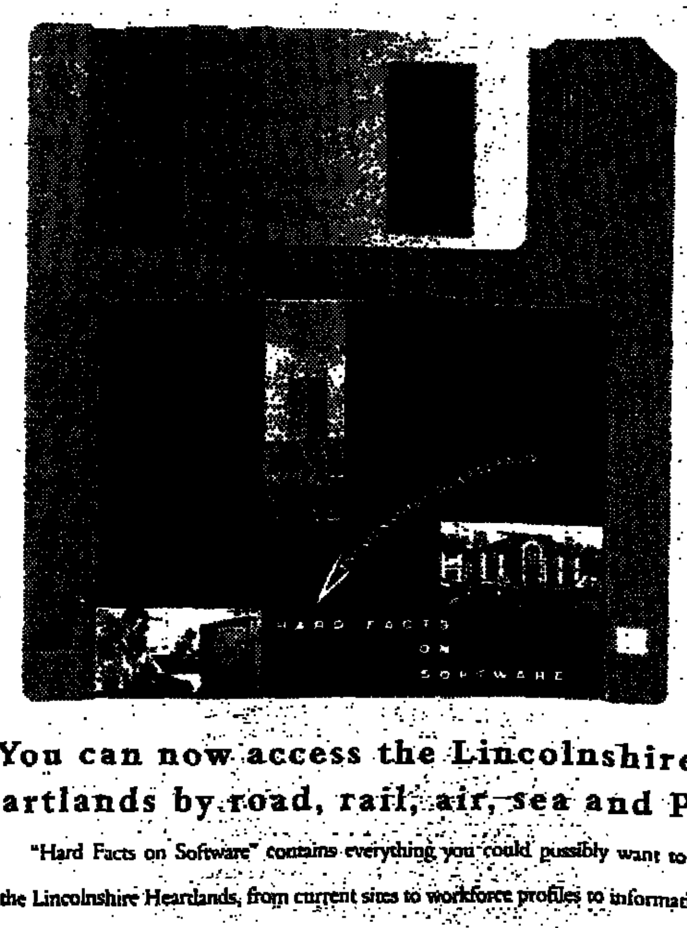

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Global Opps	100 20	106 70†		
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Balanced Inc	58.85	62 61†		2 58
Japan Acc	42 11	44 80†		
Pac Basin Acc	389.30	414 20†		0 87

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Euro Capital Acc	185.10	198 00	+ 0.40	0.80
Extra Inc	42.94	45 62†	+ 0.02	7 65
General	280 30	298 70	- 0.70	2 94
Global Opps	68.25	72.61	+ 0 15	0.56
Japan	107.30	114 80		
Managed Inc	47 79	50.84†	+ 0.01	4 72
Mastertrust	166.00	177 50	+ 0 10	1 03
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Latin American	58 01	60 43	+ 0 18	0.80
Pacific	82 40	86.51	+ 0.29	0 30
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UK Emerging Cos	69 52	75 14	- 0.25	1.28
UK Growth	53 77	56.00†	0.03	2.09
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High Income	51 94	51.80†	+ 0.08	7 55
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Pacific Portfolio	154.97	166 64	- 0.07	1 08
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General Equity	103.93	110.27	- 0.35	2.92
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Hy 5 Europe	100.50	105.40	+ 0.10	2.79
Slater Gwth	177.30	187.00†	- 0.10	0.61
New Japan	94.17	99.09	+ 0.38	0.01

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Income #	217.27	231.14	+ 0.33	4.20
UK Growth	86.41	91.92	+ 0.07	1 86
Intl Growth	86.41	91.92	+ 0.07	0 45

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N Amer Growth	138.40	147.08	+ 0.36	0.82
Special Sits Growth	27 80	29.57	+ 0.01	1.89
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Although the Children Act is firmly established, there has been criticism of delays

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A blueprint for the future: Dame Margaret Booth

Children still in need

Allan Levy, QC, assesses the impact of the Children Act five years on and decides that there is work to be done

Hailed by politicians as the most comprehensive and far-reaching reform of child law in living memory, the Children Act 1989 is now firmly established but is also the subject of increasing criticism.

Since the statute was implemented in October 1991, the most alarming problem has been that of significant delay in the hearing of proceedings. Presumably spurred by the irony that one of the Act's main principles is that delay in determining a child's future is likely to prejudice his or her welfare, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, brought in Dame Margaret Booth, the former Family Division judge, to produce a blueprint for the future.

But the Act has also given rise to other problems, such as difficulty in the relationship between the court and the local authority in public law care proceedings, concerns about the interaction between family and criminal proceedings in child abuse cases and doubts about the child's ability to be heard in cases.

The recent Booth report, *Avoiding Delay*, recognises that hold-ups can occur at all stages of a child case. It identifies a list of major problems: lack of adequate resources; poor administration; lax procedures for transferring cases; problems with proper court control in the preparation of a case; difficulties with joining parties, the instruction of experts, discovery, and assessments; listing problems; and lengthy hearings.

Children's cases take longer under the Act than they previously did. More people — for instance, grandparents and uncles and aunts — can become parties in proceedings, more experts are involved and the issues have become more complex. But there are also countermeasures such as identifying situations where individuals could become witnesses rather than parties; the joint instruction of fewer experts, and clarifying the issues more fully at an earlier stage.

The reality, though, is that the average disposal time for public law cases — in which the State in the form of the local authority is involved — has been increasing. Last year, on average, cases in family proceedings courts took 27 weeks from the application to the final hearing, an increase of five weeks from the previous year. County court cases took 43 weeks, a rise of six weeks, and High Court cases 52 weeks, a rise of eight weeks. Some cases, therefore, took over a year to complete — an enormous time in a child's life.

There is also concern about private law cases, which usually involve matrimonial and domestic issues. They can be pushed to one side when priority is given to public law and criminal law cases.

The Booth report recognises that one set of rules and procedures cannot deal with the question of delay. Innovation is needed. In particular, the recurring problems require improved interdisciplinary communication, training, judicial management, administration and better procedures for transferring cases. Measures, we are told, are in hand.

Fundamental problems with the Act have arisen out of the relationship of the court and the local authority. Before the Act, the court would still retain jurisdiction after putting a child into the care of the authority. But central to the Act's philosophy is the so-called partnership between the court and the authority which means that, apart from the question of contact with the child, the authority is in charge after the care order is made.

> 'The most alarming problem has been delay in hearings'

But in the face of a determined authority, the court's decision in the best interest of the child can be ignored: a situation that at least one Court of Appeal judge has described as unfortunate. Similarly, at an interim stage the courts have found themselves unable, against opposition, to direct a local authority to carry out and pay for a residential assessment on a child which may be crucial in deciding the child's future.

A child may be caught up in both Children Act and criminal proceedings arising from, for instance, his or her allegations of abuse. The fact that the welfare of the child is central to the former proceedings and an afterthought in the latter has brought many problems regarding timing, disclosure of local authority files, admissibility of evidence, medical treatment, and balancing the interests of the child and the accused. Happily, these often intractable matters are now receiving the attention they deserve, although some are far from solution.

The voice of the child being heard effectively is central to the Act. There are still concerns over the lack of representation for the child in private as opposed to public law cases, in respect of a too conservative reaction by the courts to allowing applications to be made by children themselves, and to an overly paternalistic approach to the presence of the child in court.

Other problems are pinpointed in the recent *Report Of the national commission into the prevention of child abuse* — the under-resourcing of the Act regarding children "in need" and prevention of abuse, the absence of provisions putting positive responsibilities on parents and obliging them to take account of children's views, and a failure to reflect sufficiently the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

In the main, however, the Act is recognised as a success. It has to a great extent simplified, reformed, co-ordinated, integrated and made the courts more user-friendly.

There is still much work to be done and the proposals to disband next July the advisory committee which has monitored its operation since 1991 is one aspect that should be delayed.

● *The author, a practising barrister, is a specialist in child law.*

Gary Slapper on Parliament and the crime of bribery

Who should judge corrupt MPs?

Twenty years ago this month a letter to *The Times* ignited a portentous debate. It suggested that in relation to allegations of bribery and corruption, MPs, apart from being answerable to Parliament, should be subject to the ordinary criminal law.

The question of whether allegedly errant MPs should be within the sole jurisdiction of the High Court of Parliament has been raised again recently by the cash-for-questions scandal. Now the Law Commission is about to publish a consultative paper, in line with the recommendations of Lord Nolan's Committee on Standards in Public Life, advancing proposals to bring MPs under the same law as other public officials.

In general, MPs are subject to the ordinary criminal law. When they commit crimes, they can be arrested and if they are convicted, the trial judge must inform the Speaker of the Commons, and the MP may be expelled.

It has been widely accepted, however, that in matters of bribery and corruption, only Parliament can adjudicate. There is ample legislation criminalising corruption by members of public bodies, and there is a serious common-law crime of accepting a bribe in public office. But a variety of judicial *obiter dicta* and the 1976 report of the *Royal Commission on Standards of Conduct in Public Life* have bluntly asserted that MPs cannot be prosecuted for these crimes. Though never settled by the courts, this still holds sway.

The Royal Commission was set up in 1974 in the wake of the Poulson affair which involved corruption in both local government and Westminster. Its report stated that MPs were not within the scope of the legislation primarily because Parliament was not a "public body" as required by the Public Bodies Corrupt Practices Act 1889. Even more curiously, the report denied that an MP was in a "public office" for the purposes of the common-law crime.

Those who say that allegedly corrupt MPs should be dealt with by Parliament alone usually argue two points: first, *Erskine May* on parliamentary practice can be quoted to contend that corrupt conduct is a breach of privilege, and therefore within the jurisdiction of the Commons. Secondly, Article 9 of the Bill of Rights of 1689 can be adduced to claim that what MPs say and do as part of the parliamentary process cannot be called into question in any law court.

However, the 1889 Act created a crime of corruptly soliciting, or receiving, or agreeing to receive any reward on account of being a member, officer or servant of a public body. The meaning of the term "public body" was extended by the Prevention of Corruption Act 1916 to cover "public authorities of all descriptions". Members of Parliament are paid from the public purse and perform a public duty. It thus seems perverse to insist that the law does not apply to them.

Accepting bribes and breach of trust by public officers are old common-law crimes. The 1976 Royal Commission pronounced that MPs were excluded from this law because their occupation was not a "public office". Again, this proposition is at odds with a normal interpretation of the disputed phrase, and has never been tested by the courts. In deciding related matters, the courts have held that an "office" is a "subsisting, permanent, substantive position" which has an existence independent of the person who filled it, and is "filled in succession by successive holders".

These criteria are all satisfied by the position of an MP. As Lord Buckmaster said in 1922, albeit in relation to a different issue, "the real meaning of a public office is an office the payment for which is not provided out of a private fund".

> 'It seems perverse to insist the law does not apply'

Article 9 of the Bill of Rights states that "the freedom of speech, and debates or proceedings in Parliament, ought not to be impeached or questioned in any court or place out of Parliament". This provision was made to protect MPs from control or pernicious intervention from outside powers. As Lord Salmon has observed, "This is a charter for freedom of speech in the House. It is not a charter for corruption." As the Defamation Act was recently amended at the behest of Neil Hamilton, MP, enabling parliamentary privilege to be waived if an MP so chose in order to bring a defamation action, the sanctity of the privilege has already gone.

Though there is a good case for saying that MPs can already be prosecuted for crimes of corruption, the issue is vexed by a blurred distinction between lawful financial support or consultancy fees from outside bodies and unlawful inducements for the promotion of specific matters in Parliament.

As one Australian judge commented in a 1923 case, the trouble with an MP receiving money from an outside source is that "it impairs his capacity to exercise a disinterested judgment on the merits of [a public matter] from the point of view of the public interest, and makes him a servant of the person who pays him, instead of a representative of the people". Unlike civil servants and local government officials who may not receive any payments in connection with their duties, MPs can accept money and the rules governing this are still disturbingly vague.

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Equality laws 'have failed'

ONE OF the architects of Britain's equality laws — Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC — says they have failed and need "root and branch reform".

Lord Lester, a leading equality and human rights lawyer, says that since the Equal Pay Act 1970, the gap between men's and women's pay has "obstinately remained". And the clustering of women in particular types and sectors of employment had also persisted. Last month figures from the Equal Opportunities Commission showed this to be the case.

Women were still paid an hourly average that was 20 per cent less than men's. Part-time female workers earned less than 50 per cent of the pay of men in full-time employment. Lord Lester, who helped to devise the laws, said that though European law — which has paved the way for a number of equal pay rulings — seemed good at first, it had now become too complex. "What is needed is root and branch reform, in which the Community standards are written directly and plainly into UK statutory form," he told the Employment Lawyers Association last week.

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ARE JUDGES paid enough? The Lord Chief Justice announced bluntly last week that unless judges were properly paid, their ranks would swell with "second best" candidates and put the independence of the judiciary at risk. Lord Bingham of Cornhill said the maintenance of a strong and independent judiciary depended at least in part on payment of a reasonable salary to ensure that the "dispiriting chasm" between the pay of practising lawyers and judges did not become too deep.

His remarks, in the inaugural lecture of the Judicial Studies Board, come as the gap widens between what judges and top lawyers earn. Judicial salaries range from £130,906 for the Lord Chief Justice to £62,018 for district judges.

World view

ANY lingering complacency about Arthur Andersen's commitment to building an international law firm should be dispelled by the latest news emanating from its English law firm, Garrett & Co. The firm has recruited Philip Ruttley, the head of European Law at Watson Farley & Williams, to lead its international trade practice.

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WELL-TRAVELLED solicitors should find that there is something vaguely familiar about the Law Society's new business centre, which was officially opened by Tony Girling, the President of the Law Society, last week. This is because the centre's main work area is modelled on the first-class business lounges found in most big airports.

The centre, in Chancery Lane, is designed to provide solicitors with a convenient base in central London. It boasts phones, fax machines, computers and eight meeting rooms, which are named after leading legal luminaries, including David Lloyd George and Carrie Morrison, the first woman to be admitted as a solicitor.

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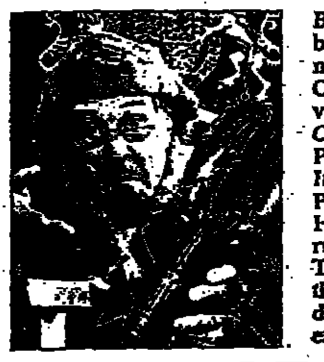

BLUNDERING barristers, bent coppers, dodgy witnesses — not the Crown Courts but a new improvised courtroom comedy, *Court in the Act*, created by Peter Wear (the judge), left. It has its press night at the Palace Theatre, Watford, Hertfordshire, tonight and runs until November 30. The cast conjures up what the blurb calls "a dazzling display of legal impropriety". Details: 01923 235455.

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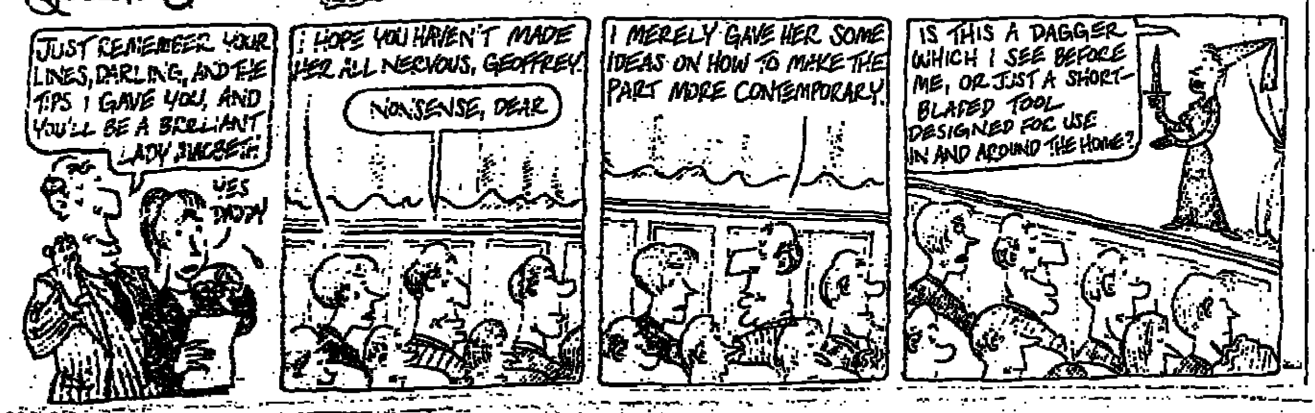
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The London Film Festival is *putting the spotlight* on the resurgence of the UK's film industry. But while we may have *some of the best* actors, directors and technicians in the world — do we have the film lawyers to match?

The failure of the UK film industry to make the most of its talent is often ascribed *to a lack of* hard-headed commercial acumen. However, some of the London lawyers in the field believe *they are* building the business "infrastructure" essential to the growth of domestic film-making. Rather than providing traditional legal services to film-makers and their banks, a new generation of film lawyers is rolling up its sleeves to become directly involved as executive producers in "packaging" *productions.*

Two firms in particular characterise this new approach. Hammond Suddards is well known as the national law firm with Yorkshire roots which has been *making* waves *in the City.* Until two or three years ago it had a standard broadcasting and regulatory unit. But with the arrival of Brian Eagles as a partner and his colleague, Chris Parkinson, the firm switched direction. *Rather* than sit back and wait for film clients to turn up with ready-made deals, it began *to intervene and* "make things happen" for projects that might otherwise fail.

Mr Eagles says: "We're very hard-nosed in our approach. For example, we are not in the business of *promoting* 'art' *films. However,* because of our experience and contacts, we can put together producers, *agents, distributors and* financiers who otherwise might not meet. As a result, films are getting *made that would not normally get* off the ground."

Apart from knowing the right people and having a nose for what will work commercially. *Mr Eagles* brings to a deal the critical skill of being able to mobilise the finance. UK *producers do not always present* themselves to banks in the right way. Mr Eagles can make a *difference. As a result, the firm has* five films in production and is looking forward to new opportunities created by National Lottery *funding.*

The film team at Edmonds Bowen can make similar claims for *having assembled. often against* the odds, the complex jigsaw of ingredients needed for independent film *production. The firm has a* starring role in this year's London Film Festival as three of its films go *on show. Roger Holmes,* a partner, says of one of them, *Crime Time:* "If there was an Oscar for film finance, we deserve to win it."

Having recently been involved in Ian McKellen's *Richard III,* Mr Holmes and his colleague, Philip Alberstat, have a good track record and happily admit they are in the business because of the buzz it brings. Mr Alberstat has just written a book on the legal aspects of film finance; and, though highly selective about the clients he and Mr Holmes take on, admits he is prepared to "take risks" on some, hoping for a payoff in the long run.

Like Hammond Suddards, Edmonds Bowen is ready to assume an executive producer role and gets the screen credit to match. Mr Alberstat says: "I go to lots of film festivals, speak at lots of conferences and make it my business to know people throughout the film industry, as well as on the financing side. Often, we can find that last bit of finance, which can make all the difference."

In one recent project, Mr Alberstat and Mr Holmes ended *up bringing together a dozen* sources of funding from Germany and France, as well as from the UK — *a feat requiring enormous* patience and persistence and fuelled by belief in the creative team for *which they were acting.*

Despite this pioneering work for the UK film industry, much of the *bread and butter activity still comes* from Hollywood. Richards Butler, the City firm, works for many US *clients and according to* Richard Philipps, a partner, the film team processes documents while LA *sleeps* and *never leaves the office* until lunchtime on Rodeo Drive. Meanwhile, Nigel Palmer of SJ Berwin *regularly acts for US banks* investing in European productions and is similarly well-versed in the American *way of doing things. He* mentions the dangers of British film-makers being carried away by *lottery funding. "I just hope that the* money goes into films for which there is a commercial market, *otherwise we're in danger of throwing* away a terrific opportunity."

● *Edmonds Bowen is hosting a seminar.* Get Me The Money, *as part of the London Film Festival. It will look at the difference between sourcing funds for films in America and the UK. Details from Philip Alberstat, 0171-629 8000.*

Improving Bar selection

A clearing house aims to reform the system for many graduates seeking pupillage

THE Bar is a small profession with a high profile. Continuing interest in the media and elsewhere in the legal profession may explain some of the enthusiasm for a career at the Bar but, for whatever reason, recent years have seen huge and increasing demand for training places, *writes David Penry-Davey, QC.*

Concerns about the vocational course being available only in London have led to the provision of more places in a range of institutions around England and Wales as well as in London.

In the past, finding pupillage has been at best a scramble, with applicants sending off tens or even hundreds of letters to sets of chambers who in their turn have been delayed with applications which consume vast amounts of time and resources.

At the Bar Council, we believe we have found a better way for chambers and prospective pupils alike, and the pupillage applications clearing house (PACH) has had the support of the overwhelming majority of sets of chambers. It is now up and running for the first time. Some idea of the size of the task is apparent from the fact that we have received 1,800 applications for only 800 pupillages. With only 1,000 graduates from the course this year, we estimate that 800 graduates from previous years have applied, perhaps attracted by the scheme. In the first round, 365 places were accepted by applicants receiving offers from their first-choice chambers. Some candidates received more than a dozen offers.

We are now in the crucial second round, which we have extended to November 25, in which applicants and chambers are linked up with their second choices. After that, we intend to publish a full list of remaining vacancies and those seeking positions.

The process has not been without its lessons.

First, the equitable nature of a clearing house scheme has acted as an incentive for past years' graduates to seek places to an extent we had not anticipated.

Second, PACH has been very effective in enabling chambers to *select the most talented. But the* system is not there for the ease of the elite, which is why we are *committed to improving the second-round* process in future years, giving more time to sift applications, and making the PACH forms more flexible, so that "second-choice" CV information can be presented in the initial application.

The whole scheme will be carefully reviewed to identify ways in which it can be improved.

Competition for the Bar is intense, and the long, hard road to practise is not for the fainthearted. But we are determined to ensure that order and fairness prevail in the selection process for pupillage, as part of our total commitment to the goal that success at the Bar *should depend* on merit, nothing else. The PACH scheme, modified as necessary in the light of the first year's experience, is an important part of that process.

Fiona Bawdon finds out why trained witnesses are in demand

Academy of Experts is challenged

EXPERT witnesses are in *demand — and not just from* lawyers with cases to win.

Two organisations, each *aiming to raise standards of* expert evidence, are now competing for the hearts, *minds and subscriptions of* expert witnesses. The Academy of Experts (AE), in its *tenth year, is being challenged* by the Expert Witness Institute (EWI), which was *launched last Friday.*

The institute believes there is a need for a non-profitmaking, *democratically accountable* body *to* train, accredit and monitor expert witnesses. "The academy has failed *to deliver," says Mark Solon,* whose company Bond Solon is a prime mover behind the EWI and *will supply it with training.* Michael Cohen, the barrister chairman of AE, rejects such criticisms of its *performance* or lack of accountability. "We have just had our annual general meeting where those *members who wanted to could turn up.* Our accounts were presented, having been authorised by chartered accountants who are not members of the academy."

Sir Michael Davies, the retired High Court judge chairing EWI's *board of governors, is aware that* the link with Bond Solon makes it, too, vulnerable to questions about *independence. But, he says, the* new body is "not the non-commercial arm of Bond Solon". The *company is just one supplier and* will increasingly take a back seat as the institute gets off the ground. *Nor, he adds, does its launch* imply criticism of the academy. "There is room for both."

Like *the academy, the new* body boasts an impressive line-up of associates — Lord Woolf as its *president and a board of governors* including leading solicitors and barristers. Roger Clements, an obstetrician and gynaecologist, says the new body is needed, although he is a fellow of the *academy. "The academy does* not give adequate support to experts generally. The *institute will be a place you can go* to find out how to do your job better." He likens its role to *that of a Royal College.*

Sir Michael says standards need to be raised. "If I had to *mark the experts who appeared in front of me out of 100 the* marks would range from 0-100," he *says. On one occasion the expert in* an important case appeared in the witness box jacketless, wearing an *open-neck shirt and read his report* from the back of an envelope.

The charity Action for Victims of *Medical Accidents, recognised* as setting the gold standard for scrutiny of medical negligence experts, is *broadly in favour.* Arnold Simanowitz, chief executive, welcomes the emphasis on training but *has reservations* about an accreditation system. This could, he says, work against victims' interests. A general list might encourage solicitors to think they could pick an expert without the charity's help to ensure that they choose someone with the right medical expertise.

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VISUAL ART: **Richard Cork** on Berlin's new museum of modern art; plus painter Ken Currie's latest show

Old friends met at the station

Outside the entrance to Berlin's new Museum of Contemporary Art, trains once rode tracks now hidden by a formal garden. For the building itself was once the Hamburger Bahnhof, the city's oldest railway station. Designed by Friedrich Neumann in 1847 but abandoned years ago, this Neo-Classical landmark has undergone a dramatic rebirth. And its opening proclaims Berlin's eagerness to possess, at long last, a contemporary collection of international stature.

The location could hardly be more symbolic. On the other side of the nearby River Spree, the Federal Parliament's new political centre is developing fast. So is the city's grand new station, intended as a focal point for the European express rail network. They ensure that the museum's building, once marooned in a wasteland border area of East Berlin, is now at the heart of the city's post-unification plans for expansion. The renewal of the Hamburger Bahnhof also demonstrates a desire to preserve the past amid all the new construction.

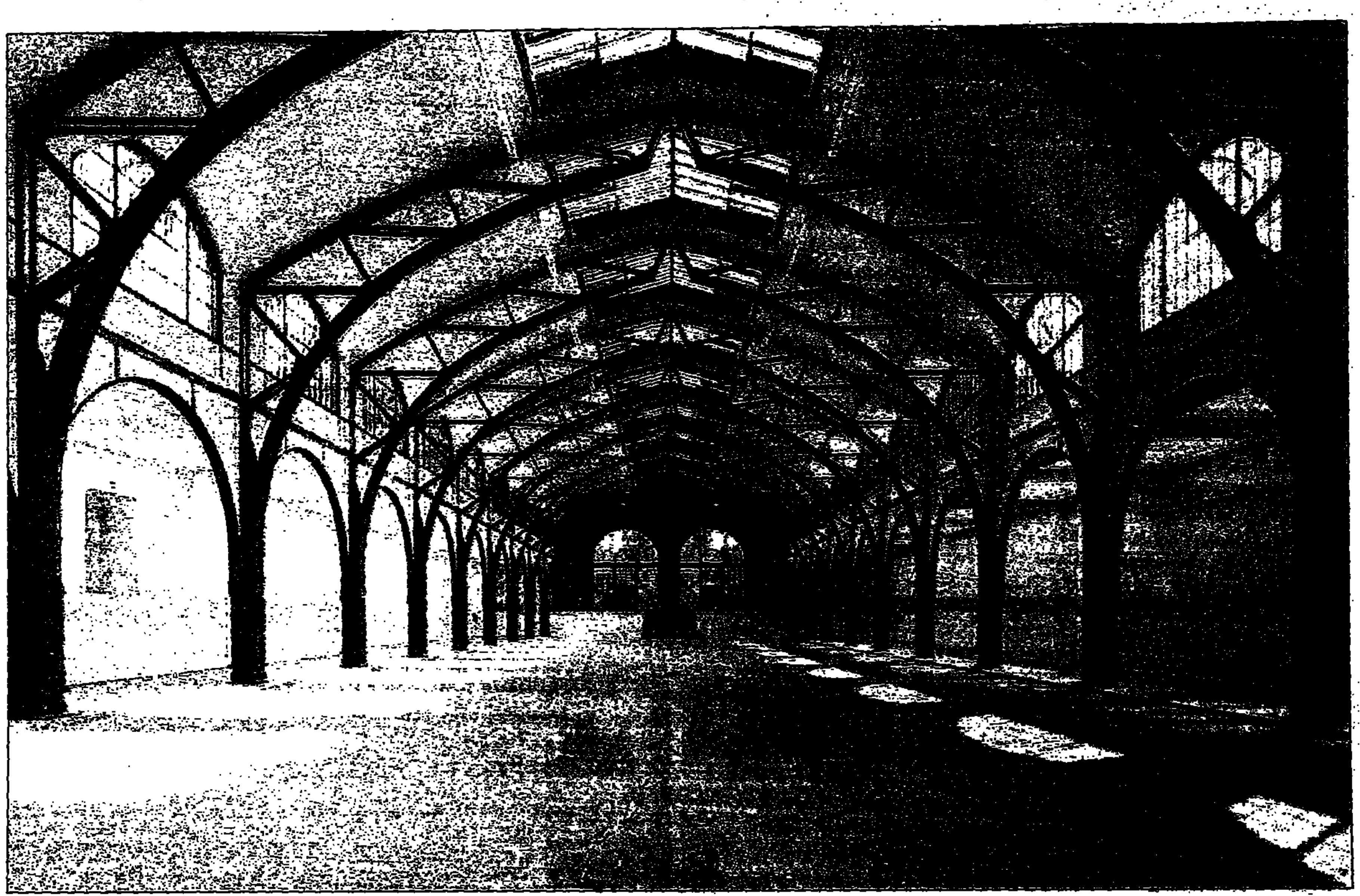
But there would be no point in remaining pedantically faithful to the original building in every respect. As you approach the façade, its fresh identity is announced with commendable restraint. Without altering the existing structure, Dan Flavin's specially designed row of seven vertical neon tubes has been added to the central row of arches. Their light blue fluorescence, combined with another installation by Flavin illuminating the open loggia behind with cool green tubes, gives the frontage a discreet, yet festive glow. It looks welcoming, and prepares visitors for the greater theatrical impact of the main hall.

The hall's muscular cast-iron vaulting is superbly energetic. Dark against the pale grey ceiling, its lean geometry seems appropriate for a 20th-century gallery. Everything is kept simple, creating a purged, brilliantly lucid arena where the museum's most spectacular exhibits are given the space they deserve.

Most of the major works are on permanent loan from the extraordinary collection formed by Dr Erich Marx. Without his generosity, the museum would lack the clusters of key images that give its principal spaces their identity. **Anselm Kiefer** is the first artist to assert his presence. Monumental paintings on the side walls convey his brooding, baleful vision of postwar Germany as a land of blackened, burning fields and empty, ruined buildings eerily redolent of the Fascist past.

Kiefer is a powerful sculptor, too. His battered, outsize books, seemingly salvaged from a catastrophe, rest on steel shelves in the central part of the hall. So does his grounded warplane, left to rot and yet sheltering within its redundant hulk a chamber filled with seeds.

After the rebarbative Kiefer, the rest of the hall provides contemplative calm. **Richard Long**, one of only four British artists represented in the collection, fills the centre of the floor with a serenely ordered slate circle. Made this year, surely with this location in mind, it is one of the most impressive Long floor sculptures I have seen. Powerfully evoking a sense of epic distance, it counters geometrical harmony with the brittle, energetic interplay of the fragments within the circle.



The interior of the old Hamburger Bahnhof, the railway building that now houses Berlin's museum of modern art and (below) the green neon-lit loggia, designed by Dan Flavin

The final exhibit in the main part of the hall, a colossal glass igloo by **Mario Merz**, suffers from its position. This transparent form, punctuated by neon-lit numbers from the Fibonacci series, is invaded by the stronger lines of the monumental window beyond. Ideally, Merz's sculpture needs a plain white space, so that its fine lines remain undisturbed by surrounding distractions.

No such problem affects the grand East Gallery, a new, lofty and top-lit wing devoted to Marx's favourite American painters. The most cherished of all, according to the prime positions his work occupies, is **Andy Warhol**. At one end of this immense and daunting concourse, a multicoloured image called *Ten Foot Flowers* explodes over a doorway. An even larger portrait of Mao Tse-tung presides at the other. Smiling with apparent benevolence, and yet somehow oddly disdainful, this kingsize Chairman provides the collection with its enigmatic deity.

But it is a far less interesting work than the earlier Warhols, made in the first half of the 1960s when he was at his toughest. Marx

bought well here, acquiring among others a smeared and gruesome double-image, *Ambulance Disaster*, focused near the centre on an inert passenger hanging out of the window. The finest is more restrained: the coal-black *Twenty Jackies*, based on a celebrated close-up of the blanched, dignified widow at Jack Kennedy's funeral. The relentless multiplication of her stoical face reduces her grief through numbing repetition and at the same time hammers home her pain.

If Marx responds strongly to Warhol's media-based and fame-obsessed imagery, he also likes quieter Americans. Nobody could be more elusive than **Cy Twombly**, whose 1955 *FreeWheeler* is covered with spidery lines. They look like multi-layered scrawlings on a city wall, faded and yet still retaining an unpredictable vivacity. Colour and brushmarks gradually invade Twombly's subsequent paintings, dispersed and hesitant in *Empire of Flora* but as red as bloodstains in a splashed, headlong oil of 1986.

In this respect, the later Twombly chimes with early **Robert Rauschenberg** on the opposite wall, above all in the latter's powerful 1954 *Pink Door*. But Rauschenberg's more recent work has become disappointingly tasteful; he has been unable to sustain his youthful strength as well as **Roy Lichtenstein**, whose latest variations on Picasso look almost as lean and raw as his 1963 version of *Woman in an Armchair*, where Picasso's comic-book leanings are pushed to a provocative extreme.

Beyond the East Gallery, the museum divides into smaller rooms. **Thomas Struth** stands out in a space full of photographs, especially his sumptuous recent interior view of San Zaccaria in Venice. At its heart hangs Bellini's consummate late altarpiece, in a miraculous state of preservation. But Struth ensures that the surrounding frescoes, and the nearby nave, all contribute to the photograph's sense of luminous, hushed wonder.

By no means all the artists here emerge with their reputations enhanced. A room given over to **Keith Haring**'s zany, graffiti-like paintings looks lightweight and formulaic, while a big gallery at the top of the main stairs contains a very uneven selection of the boisterous painters who made their reputations in the early 1980s. **Sandro Chia** seems clumsy, **Rainer Fetting** vapid and **Julian Schnabel** hamfisted. Surrounded by their overblown canvases, **Anish Kapoor**'s red-pigment floor sculpture appears embattled. His five-piece *1000 Names* glows with sensuousness and spirituality alike. But Kapoor's work needs a room of its own in order to thrive.

Most of the potent moments in the labyrinth of upstairs rooms, which become confusing to explore, occur when a single artist is given space to breathe. **Rachel Whiteread**'s two sculptures look impressive, even though they are bordered on one side by **Maria Eichhorn**'s deeply folded grey curtain. So does **Bill Viola**, whose 1976 video installation *He Weeps For You* manages to be funny and mournful at the same time. Another video work, **Gary Hill**'s *Crux*, performs a similar tragi-comic feat as the cameras follow his stumbling, martyred movements through a wood.

Both these video works were purchased by the Berlin National Gallery, and a number of its other acquisitions can be found throughout the building. Nevertheless, the overall character of the museum is dictated by Marx's holdings. He owns many of the major pieces in the wing where **Joseph Beuys** is given a reverential place of honour. The full range of his work, from blackboards and felt to steel and stone, confirms the shaman-like position he occupies in postwar German art.

● *The Hamburger Bahnhof (030 39 78340) is at Invalidenstrasse 50/51, Berlin*

AROUND THE GALLERIES

A SERIES of stark *Head and Neck* paintings by **Tony Bevan** downstairs at Theo Waddington are complemented by architectural works in which people do not feature. Huge paintings or drawings of institutional corridors lead away from the wall surface perspectively down the "hall". The eye is drawn along the corridor in a subtly extended illusion.

Bevan mixes painting with drawing in a particular manner. He works charcoal into the canvas surface and uses acrylic paint to make an echoing stain.

Tony Bevan Recent Paintings, Theo Waddington, 5a Cork Street, London W1 (0171-494 1584) until Nov 16

☐ A SPARE and subtle exhibition at City Racing extends back in time to an arrangement of neatly repacked collapsed cardboard boxes made by **Gustav Metzger** in 1959. The empty boxes are filled again by folded versions of themselves; they seem to have been organised by an industrious shop assistant. **Barry Flanagan**'s piece from 1966, a pile of fine gold sand poured onto the floor in an uninterrupted flow, has been frozen in a heap, with a collapsing peak like a volcano's.

Another room shows three apparently "useful" sculptural objects from 1974 by Tim Mapson. A row of flat *Leaning Boards* can be leant against, while the two wall sculptures — like the row of upside-down cinema seats — also have an independent logic.

Made New, City Racing, 60 Oval Mansions, Vauxhall St, London SE11 (0171-582 3940) until Nov 17

☐ THE mixed show can be a mixed affair: any obvious rationale may drown individual art, and vice versa. *Foil*, the first painting exhibition in a relatively new gallery, seems to lack elaborate justification. **Derrick Haughton**'s small short squiggles of paint appear to wriggle their way across the sometimes pearly surface. Two and three dimensions play around with each other here. **Ed Chell** uses the implication of a repeated blur to conjure up a sense of lost detail; historical photographs of blasted landscape or broken city appear to be just out of visual control.

Eugene Palmer paints the same photograph of the same man until heavy horn-rimmed glasses, mouth, eyes and tie shift and change slightly in a visual Chinese whisper. **Kathleen Mullaniff** shows a neat, well-lit series of back-to-front stencil panels in which creamy paint has been forced through popular lace or tablecloth patterns.

Foil, Bedford Hill Gallery, 202 Great Suffolk St, London SE1 (0171-403 4190) until Nov 30

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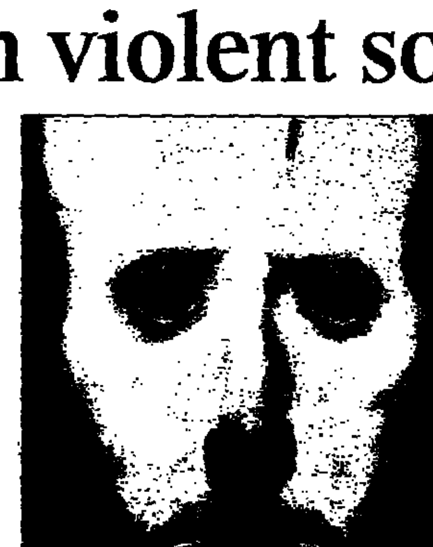
Head-on collision with violent society

KEN CURRIE's work is characterised by his socialist convictions. His paintings, gnarled by a gritty vein of social realism, have been concerned with the portrayal of the history of the Scottish working class, the abominations of the Holocaust and the aftermath of revolution in Eastern Europe. The subject of such earlier paintings as *The Troubled City* (1991), *The Street* (1990) or *Life Grows Harder* (1988), is the allegorical message rather than the figures which convey it. The human figure has been less a convincing presence than an element of formal design. But now, in this new show, Currie turns away from complex narrative compositions to focus simply on the human head, on the emotional and intellectual depths that a portrait can convey.

There is an almost medical objectivity in Currie's presentation of his subject. It is the notion of injury as it exposes and reflects the increasing violence of modern society which he is concerned to confront. The pallor of wounded faces seeping into darkness, mouths seaming withering skin, eyes gleaming wetly in shadowed sockets, all evoke a visceral response in the viewer. Currie takes an unflinching look at the effects of violence on bone, flesh and blood.



Ken Currie's *The Messenger* (1996)

Yet there is a chill beauty in his work, too. Portraits which might have seemed little more than crude representations of angst or pain are given a seductive ethereality by Currie's technical mastery as he builds up whisper-thin layers of lambent glazes. Blood glimmers against silkily pale flesh. Currie aims to portray what he calls "a pornography of wounds".

But it is in their intimacy that these canvases attain their greatest power. "I think now that the ideal audience for my paintings is one person," Currie says. "I want the viewer who looks at a work like *The Diarist* to contemplate and try to understand what sort of diary this damaged figure could have written." Currie's socialist message remains undimmed. He takes as his motto for his show the old trade union slogan: an injury to one is an injury to all.

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● *Ken Currie is at the Raab Boukamel Gallery, 9 Cork Street, London W1 (0171-287 1740) until Dec 23*

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A JOAN SUTHERLAND SURVEY
Reviewed by Patrick O'Connor

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Sutherland recorded three of Bellini's operas twice: *La Sonnambula*, *I Puritani* and *Norma*. Of the *Sonnambulas*, the earlier, 1962 recording, which has just been reissued on the Grand Opera Series (448 966-2), is preferable to the later version. With *Puritani* it's the other way around. The 1963 set, although it has Sutherland in great form, is surpassed by the 1973 recording, with Sutherland and Pavarotti at the peak of their partnership (Decca 417 588-2). Of the *Normas*, the earlier one with Marilyn Horne as Adalgisa is preferable.

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No reservations whatsoever about Sutherland's other great showpiece in which she and Horne match each other's virtuosity: Rossini's *Semiramide* (Decca 425 481-2), a classic set which has held its own for 30 years. This pointed the way towards Sutherland's return to more dramatic parts, including Puccini's *Turandot* (Decca 414 275-2), conducted by Zubin Mehta.

In the French repertory, three sets are outstanding: Massenet's *Esclarmonde* (Decca 425 651-2), Meyerbeer's *Les Huguenots* (Decca 430 549-2), perhaps the most important of Bonynge's records, and Offenbach's *Les Contes d'Hoffmann* (Decca 417 363-2), in which Sutherland and Domingo make it the most satisfying Hoffmann on record.

Despite Sutherland's great achievements in Italian opera, three French works head my shortlist: *La Fille du Régiment*, *Esclarmonde* and, top, *Les Contes d'Hoffmann*.

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Tilting at tradition

THE jazz festival is dead; long live the "jazz" festival. In an era when the ranks of musicians capable of drawing a full house in the concert hall grow thinner each year, it makes economic and artistic sense to reassess the traditional categories.

The organisers of this year's London Festival deserve credit for reaching out to new audiences without opting for bland, populist fusion acts. On the opening weekend John Harle's performance at the Festival Hall took eclecticism to its very limits. The themes on the classical saxophonist's new crossover album — given the grandiose title *Terror and Magnificence* — reflect a quixotic attempt to marry skeletal improvisation and Nyman-esque string arrangements, jazz and ecclesiastical modes and a sprinkling of Renaissance and medieval texts. Harle's ambitions are so noble that it seems churlish not to be swept along by them. In truth, though, the theory outstripped the execution.

John Harle
Oris Jazz Festival

There remained moments to savour. The soprano Sarah Leonard, whose wordless vocals enlivened Michael Nyman's Heysel Stadium memorial at the QEH this summer, brought a stately purity to the Tudor lyrics of *The Three Ravens*. Elvis Costello's voice, much less distinct, evoked a rough-hewn honesty in *Mistress Mine*, three Harle settings originally written for a Nottingham Playhouse production of *Twelfth Night*.

Harle has ample experience as a composer for the screen and stage. That, perhaps, explained the shortcomings of this concert: most of the pieces failed to rise above the level of tasteful incidental music. *Terror and Magnificence* was one of several compositions undermined by bland string figures more reminiscent of the Penguin Café Orchestra.

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Lynn Redgrave: "Nothing was expected of me, which can make you think you can't do anything"

A voyage round Lynn's father

THEATRE: **Carol Allen** meets the youngest of the three Redgrave siblings on the eve of her West End opening

Lynn Redgrave may be the youngest of Sir Michael's three children, but she is usually perceived as the sensible, practical one. Next April she celebrates the thirtieth anniversary of her marriage to John Clark, a former British child star, best remembered for playing radio's *Just William* in the Forties, and director of her one-woman show *Shakespeare For My Father*, which opens at the Haymarket Theatre tomorrow. The play, written by Redgrave, is a personal reminiscence of herself and her career, using Shakespeare to illustrate her emotions, rather like, as she puts it, the "old-fashioned book musicals; when a scene reached a certain point you had to break into song".

The Haymarket is the theatre where Redgrave made her West End debut in 1962 with Celia Johnson and John Clements in *The Tulip Tree*. This week also marks her first appearance on the London stage since she played with sister Vanessa and niece Jemma in *The Three Sisters* six years ago. Since 1974 Lynn Redgrave and her husband have lived in America, where she works mainly in television and theatre.

Like Vanessa and Corin, Lynn has inherited her father's height; but far from the plump and awkward Georgy Girl of the Sixties, Lynn Redgrave today is a svelte and elegant woman of 53, with an open, friendly manner, who gives the impression of being in charge not only of her body but of her life. Perhaps that is why she has the confidence to go on stage and reveal the insecurities of the child she once was and her feelings about the father whom she remembers as a remote and rather frightening figure.

"Perhaps it was because I was the youngest, or because of whatever was going on in his life at the time, but in my presence he wore this blank mask and as a child that was of course quite terrifying because you couldn't tell. Was he cross, was he sad, was he pleased, was he thinking, was he listening? Then I would go and see him on the stage. He was the most brilliant, chameleon actor in that physically he changed completely according to the role. So out would walk, say, Richard II and I would think, if I could just get down on the stage and get close enough and touch him, I'll find Dad. It was only when I matured and he was declining with Parkinson's that I could talk to him, although still not *with* him."

> ❛ In my presence my dad wore a terrifying blank mask ❜

Redgrave made her acting mark in comedy, as the funny and touching star of *Georgy Girl*, and later with the National Theatre at the Old Vic in such plays as *The Recruiting Officer* and *Hay Fever*.

"When I was starting my idol was Giulietta Masina in *La strada*: I saw myself as the clown with the soul, and in a way I still am. I have this theory that a lot of third children turn to comedy. Maybe it's our only way to be heard.

"I suppose in simple terms Vanessa and Corin were the ones of whom all things were expected and I was the one of whom nothing was expected, which can be a bonus but can make you think it's because you can't do anything. Certainly when Dad was ill and I would come over from America to see him, I would come off the plane full of comedy, almost like the jester. I'm good at telling stories, but even as a middle-aged woman I was terrified of the silence falling, because the silences brought me right back to the old me and my fear of him."

In her play Redgrave makes oblique reference to her father's bisexuality. "I didn't know until I was married. Maybe I was naive, maybe I didn't want to know. When I found out, of course, suddenly things made sense about my mother and him and I felt a terrific sympathy for his having to keep it secret."

While she is in London *Shine*, Redgrave's first film for several years, will be shown in the London Film Festival before opening in January. *Shine* tells the real-life story of the Australian pianist David Helfgott, an eccentric, child-like genius who suffered a nervous breakdown when a student at the Royal College of Music, returned to Australia and obscurity, and then reclaimed his career in his late thirties through the support of his new wife Gillian, the role played by Redgrave in the film.

It is tempting to wonder what Sir Michael would have thought about *Shakespeare For My Father*. So far the only members of the family who have seen it are his widow, Rachel Kempson, and Vanessa.

"My sister said it gave her a window into me that she never knew and through that into Dad and Mum as well. Mum finds it very cathartic; she loves it. She laughs a lot and she cries a lot.

"There is nothing hurtful in the play. People who knew Dad say he would have loved it. I think he'd be sitting there with a big smile on his face and tears rolling down. He wouldn't have known that I had this in me, nor could he ever have known how sad I felt for him."

● Shakespeare For My Father *opens at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket (0171-930 8800) tomorrow*

CONCERTS: Fanfare from the West Coast, and a brave Beethoven cycle

Loud colours from America

San Francisco Symphony/ Tilson Thomas
Barbican

MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS made a swashbuckling return to London and the Barbican on Sunday, but this time with the San Francisco Symphony of which he has been music director since September 1995. Part of their first European tour together, this concert presented a loud and colourful portfolio of their recent recording work which has focused on Prokofiev and on American repertoire, including the early works of Aaron Copland.

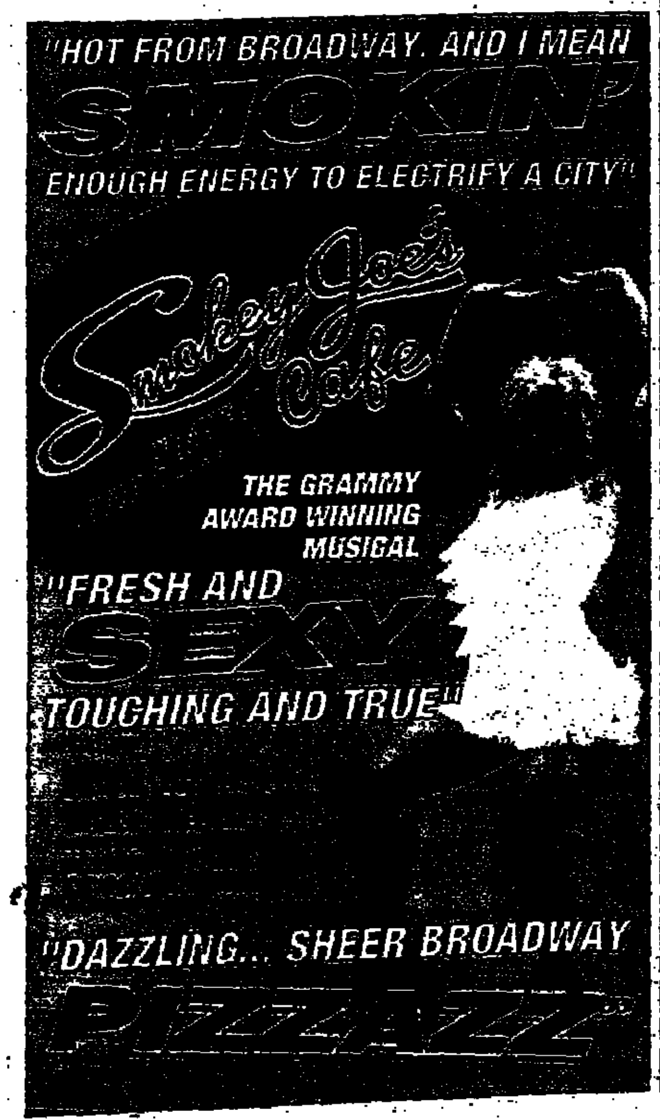
Copland's *Symphonic Ode*, written when the composer was 28, is eager, shamelessly imitative, and fearlessly self-proclaiming. The orchestration of Mahler, the sharp, shifting angles of Stravinskian rhythm, the showmanship of jazz: it is all there, pealing out in a long carillon of exuberant orchestral virtuosity.

The *Ode* was matched, across the interval, by Lou Harrison's *Parade*, a five-minute fanfare written by the San Francisco composer to signal the start of Tilson Thomas's reign with the orchestra. It immediately conjures up the hedonistic eclecticism of a Hong Kong Chinese orchestra and does, in fact, recreate the composer's youthful memories of a San Francisco parade march, complete with Chinese hip-borne bell-lyras. Harrison's own orchestral *parade* also boasts oxygen-tank bells, ranch triangles, a Balinese bell-tree and a large Javanese gong.

At this point, Debussy's *La Mer*, just before the interval, seemed little more than a faint echo in a sea-shell; though at the time it had been a vividly colourful performance, with violins bright as phosphorescence in the first section, and brass gusting to gale force in the last.

The evening's grand finale was Prokofiev's music from the ballet *Romeo and Juliet*. In a performance which tended to show off the orchestra rather more than the subtleties of the score, the curtain rose on a sweeping upbeat; hard-edged brass and fearlessly articulated strings whipped up conflict; Mercutio pranced forward as a swaggering wide boy; and the balcony scene expanded to the dimensions of a vast silver screen.

HILARY FINCH



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Perl's weighty wisdom

Alfredo Perl
Wigmore Hall

ANY complete cycle of Beethoven's 32 piano sonatas is a brave undertaking, but Alfredo Perl's series at the Wigmore Hall is more audacious than most. Still in his early thirties, this Chilean pianist is competing in a very crowded market: several of today's leading players are currently engaged on their own Beethoven cycles, and while many are presenting the same programme in all the world's musical centres before repeating the circuit with another handful of works, Perl is to play them all in London by the end of January. He and the sonatas move on to Moscow in the spring.

It is bold, too, of the Wigmore Hall to back his series, though his second recital confirmed that he can conjure up the real Beethovenian sound of tradition. His playing is weighty, dark-hued in the lower reaches of the keyboard and crisp at the top. But there was a sameness about each of the four sonatas we heard on Tuesday, as if Perl was insensitive to the very different "personality" of each.

He was least successful in the early sonata, No 3 in C, with which he opened. The first movement burst out in an over-pedalled blur, and though his eloquent adagio and fiery finale had better balance, his playing lacked the freshness and clarity the notes demand. The performance pointed strongly towards middle or late-period Beethoven, making interesting connections which the music does not quite support.

Not surprisingly, the maturer works fared better. Perl caught the ambiguities of he *Sonata No 15 in D (Pastorale)* with hushed lyricism in the first movement, a thoughtful andante and witty scherzo. His approach to No 16 in G was bold and enjoyable, and he allowed the long adagio to unfold naturally. In the great *Les Adieux, No 26 in E flat*, he produced a very satisfying mix of poise and passion: the tumultuous finale, true to its extraordinary "Vivacissimamente" marking, suggested that Perl will be most rewarding in the grander sonatas.

JOHN ALLISON

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Hotfoot from Beirut: welcome to the Caracalla Dance Theatre

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Mean streak: Anthony Newley takes the title role in *Scrooge*

VENUE: Opens tonight at the Dominion Theatre

THE TIMES ARTS

■ THEATRE 1

Dividing the nation, c.1647: Caryl Churchill's study of England in Cromwell's era goes on tour

■ THEATRE 2

. . . while the Glover family — father, mother and son — take the corresponding roles in *Hamlet*

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

LA CALISTO **The Guildhall School of Music and Drama** is staging a new production of Francesco Cavalli's mid-17th-century opera. Set to a skilful and amusing libretto by Faustini, director Thomas de Mallet Burgess's production is based on Paul Daniel's 1980s version for Opera Factory. Sung in English to a translation by Anne Ridler.
Guildhall School, Silk Street, Barbican, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, Friday and Saturday, 7pm.

CARACALLA DANCE THEATRE: The 30-strong Lebanese company returns to London after a three-year absence with a unique, historical ballet, *Elissa, Queen of Carthage — the legend of Dido*. Lively choreography by Abdel-Halim Caracalla and Alissar Caracalla, brightly coloured costumes and an original score vividly evoke the dramatic story of the Phoenician princess.
Peacock, Portugal Street, off Kingsway, WC2 (0171-314 8800). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

SCROOGE: Anthony Newley back on the West End stage singing the title role in the Leslie Bricusse musical.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-636 2295). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

ELSEWHERE

BLACKPOOL: **Northern Ballet Theatre** presents a new production of Bram Stoker's **Dracula**. Philip Feeney's chilling score accompanies the age-old story of good versus evil. Choreography by Christopher Gable and Michael Barrett-Pink.
Grand, Church Street, Blackpool (01253 28372). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 2pm, Sat, 2.30pm. ♿

LEICESTER: Paul Kerryson comes up with another Sondheim, directing Dave Willetts in **Sweeney Todd**. Playful and poignant: one of Sondheim's best shows.
Haymarket, Belgrave Gate (0116-253 9797). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed (Nov 20, 27), 2pm, Sat, 2.30pm.

LIVERPOOL: The celebrated **Vienna Boys Choir**, directed by Martin Schebesta, presents a varied programme featuring Mozart's one-act operetta *The Caliph's Goose*. Also included are works by Schütz, Mendelssohn, Haydn, Fauré, Holst, Brahms and Strauss.
Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street (0151-709 3789). Tonight, 7.30pm.

SOUTHAMPTON: **Welsh National Opera**'s autumn season at the Mayflower begins with a 1930s version of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* directed by Katie Mitchell, which will also be performed on Friday. Tomorrow and Saturday the company presents a period production of Puccini's *La Bohème*, with Carlo Ventre as Rodolfo and Rosalind Sutherland as Mimi. Sir Peter Maxwell Davies's newly commissioned semi-futuristic opera, *The Doctor of Myddfai*, is performed on Thursday only, to a libretto by the opera producer David Pountney.
Mayflower, Commercial Road (01703 711811). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm. ♿

LONDON GALLERIES

Anthony d'Offay: Tatsuo Miyajima; Liza May Post (0171-499 4100) **British Museum**: Mysteries of Ancient China (0171-636 1555) **Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design**: Foundation Show (0171-514 7000) **Dulwich Picture**: Thirteen Contemporary Artists: Teachers at the Dulwich Foundation Schools (0181-693 5254) **Festival Hall**: Masks '96 (0171-960 4242) **The Gallery in Cork Street**: Laurence Broderick (0171-287 8408). **Llewellyn Alexander**: Lionel Aggett (0171-620 1322) **National Portrait**: John Kobal Photographic Portrait Award 1996 (0171-306 0055) **Redfern**: Paul Wunderlich (0171-734 1732) **Royal Academy**: From Mantegna to Picasso (0171-439 7438). **Tate**: The 1996 Turner Prize Exhibition (0171-887 8000)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ *House full, returns only*
◪ *Some seats available*
☐ *Seats at all prices*

■ **ART**: Albert Finney, Tom Courtenay and Ken Stott in an interesting drama about friendship, unspoken resentment and an almost all-white canvas. Matthew Warchus directs.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Rd, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat and Sun, 5pm.

◪ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC**: Tom Mannion plays the bloke with the boko in Communicado's celebrated production by Gerry Mulgrew, translated into broadish Scots by Edwin Morgan.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Previews tonight, 7.30pm. Opens tomorrow, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3pm. Until November 23.

☐ **DARKTALES**: First play by Tim Arthur, a two-hander for Andrew Hall and Jamie Hinde playing two horror novelists with a secret in common.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-836 2132). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 5.30pm.

☐ **THE GAY DETECTIVE**: Gerard Stembridge's Dublin success in which a young Garda sergeant is told to use his gayness to solve puzzling cases.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Until November 30.

◪ ***IN THE COMPANY OF MEN***: Edward Bond's directs his own new play with Karl Johnson and John Light playing father and son corporate raiders in the City jungle.
Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7pm, mat Thurs, 1.30pm. In rep.

◪ **MOJO**: Second chance to see the multi-award-winning Jez Butterworth's hair-raising play, set in Soho gangland. Ian Rickson directs a new cast.
Royal Court Theatre Downstairs (Duke of York's), St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm.

☐ ***MRS WARREN'S PROFESSION***: Maggie Steed in the title role, with Catherine Cusack as her outraged daughter in Neil Bartlett's strongly cast production of Shaw's 1893 shocker.
Lyric, King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 2.30pm. ♿

◪ **THE OEDIPUS PLAYS**: Alan Howard in the title role of *Oedipus the King* and *Oedipus at Colonus*. Peter Hall directs a translation by Ranjit Bolt.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7pm, mat Wed, 1.30pm. In rep.

☐ **THINK NO EVIL OF US**: Subtitled "My Life with Kenneth Williams", a solo show by David Benson, winner of a Fringe First at this year's Edinburgh, part biography, part autobiography.
King's Head, Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. Opens November 14, 7pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm.

☐ **WHAT THE HEART FEELS**: Julia Peasgood and Paul Shelley head a large cast in a new play by the admirable Stephen Bill. The hopes and plans of a group of friends in the Midlands, spanning 11 years. Sam Walters directs.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (0181-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs (Oct 31), 2.30pm; Sat, 4pm. Until November 23.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-369 1733) ◪ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072). ☐ **Jolson**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054). ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ◪ **Tommy**: Shaftesbury (0171-379 5399) ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE CRAFT** (15): High school misfits delve into witchcraft. Routine fare with bright moments. With Fairuza Balk, Robin Tunney; director, Andrew Fleming.
Odeon Kensington (01426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031), **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

THE EIGHTH DAY (PG): Harassed businessman is humanised by a Down's syndrome sufferer. Maudlin disappointment from Jaco Van Dormael, director of *Toto the Hero*. With Daniel Auteuil, Pascal Duquenne.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0171-586 3057) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

FAREWELL MY LOVELY (PG): Wonderfully caustic Raymond Chandler adaptation from 1944, with Dick Powell as Philip Marlowe. Director, Edward Dmytryk.
ABC Panton Street (0171-930 0631)

◆ **FLED** (18): Chases, lights, and a very silly plot. With Laurence Fishburne and Stephen Baldwin; director, Kevin Hooks.
Plaza (0800-888 997) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990). **Virgin Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **MICHAEL COLLINS** (15): Action meets politics in Neil Jordan's epic. With Liam Neeson as the Irish revolutionary.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Notting Hill Coronet** ♿ (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

THE PILLOW BOOK (18): Astounding Peter Greenaway film inspired by an ancient Japanese text. With Vivian Wu, Ewan McGregor.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on the Hill** (0171-435 3366) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

CURRENT

◆ ***DRAGONHEART*** (PG): Patchwork medieval fantasy about a knight and a dragon with Sean Connery's voice. With Dennis Quaid.
Plaza ♿ (0990 888990) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031)

◆ ***THE FAN*** (18): Psychotic baseball fan Robert De Niro stalks his idol, Wesley Snipes. Wearisome and empty fare from director Tony Scott.
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426-915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

◆ ***THE GLIMMER MAN*** (18): Ponderous and silly thriller with Steven Seagal as a detective pursuing a serial killer. With Keenen Ivory Wayans.
UCI Whiteleys ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgin Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

LONE STAR (15): John Sayles's absorbing and humane drama about lives in the Rio Grande. With Chris Cooper and Elizabeth Peña.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Metro** (0171-437 0757) **MGM Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914038) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

NICO ICON: Documentary about the model and singer Nico, smoky-voiced siren of the Velvet Underground. Director, Susanne Ofteringer.
ICA ♿ (0171-930 3647)

THEATRE: Churchill has fun with Cromwell; Hamlet undone by Glovers; a last-gasp thriller

Our uncommon wealth

Light Shining in Buckinghamshire
Canterbury

If the purpose of an educational tour is to *stimulate thought* and argument, then the National could hardly have chosen better than Caryl Churchill's *portrait* of the Commonwealth era. After all, the Levellers, Diggers, Ranters and Cromwellian conservatives she brings onstage — at the Gulbenkian, Canterbury, in this case — were asking the most basic of questions about the most fundamental of matters. What is variously meant by an Englishman's birthright, social justice, virtue, and God? Pick the right quote from Rainborough, Ireton or one of Churchill's many invented characters, and you have a ready-made subject for an essay or a class debate.

That is not to say that the play smacks of the schoolroom. Even a longish extract from the Putney debates of 1647 pulsates with first-hand indignation as it becomes clear that a war some hoped would enfranchise the unpropertied is going to end up with pretty much the same electorate and Parliament as before. Churchill's view is, I think, that Cromwell betrayed the masses who had fought for him, but in her hands that conclusion is neither abstract nor unbalanced.

Mostly, the evening consists of short, sharp scenes involving a set of exemplary characters: Briggs, inspired by a hell-fire preacher to fight the Royalists, only to end disillusioned and destitute, surviving on a diet of grass; Margaret Hoskins, a Ranter eager to proclaim the idea that nothing is sinful and everything, from stealing to promiscuous sex, is therefore permissible; her fellow-vagrant Brotherton, who is whipped out of one parish and kills her newborn baby in another; and Star, a Cromwellian NCO whose high-minded plans for the estate that he acquires are tempered by old-fashioned self-interest.

The oddity is that all these roles are shared by Mark Wing-Davey's six-person cast, so that one moment Briggs may be thin and balding and the next chunky and grizzled. This causes confusion for a bit, but achieves what Churchill wishes, which is to suggest that the play deals with "a large event involving many people". Moreover, Patrick Brennan, Amelda Brown, Tim Crouch, Tina Gambe, Fergus Webster and Tim Welton are all admirably versatile actors, capable of convincing you that a set consisting of little but slabs of wire mesh is Commonwealth Buckinghamshire.

The odd shopping trolley and cardigan turn up amid the broad-brimmed hats and Puritan dresses, in an effort to emphasise that a play written in 1976 and involving the 1640s remains of interest today. And so it does, despite a long last scene that somewhat outlives its welcome. Is it really true that the Levellers thought of themselves as Saxons and their enemies as Normans, transforming class differences into ethnic chasms in modern Balkan style? Are there precursors of contemporary millennialism in the then common belief that the Messiah was about to descend on England? As Churchill's play proceeds to the Cottesloe via Brighton, Falmouth and Frome, Bradford and Worthing, it should provide plenty to ponder.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Tim Welton in a scene from Caryl Churchill's *Light Shining in Buckinghamshire*

Family flails in the dark

Hamlet
Norwich Playhouse

TIMOTHY and Samuel West, father and son, are touring the country in *Henry IV*, playing surrogate father and son, Falstaff and Prince Hal. But family relationships are exactly paralleled at Norwich where the Glover family, husband, wife and son, play husband, wife and son in *Hamlet*. Perhaps *not exactly*, because Julian Glover has yet to become a ghost, the role he plays in his production, but Isla Blair plays Gertrude and their son Jamie is the troubled Prince.

She is reported as saying that she and Jamie would not be playing mother and son as an incestuous pair. Jamie's Hamlet tucks his mother's portrait of her new husband neatly into her corsage, but it is a gesture too *swiftly done to suggest a longing to* hang upon her breasts. But if Hamlet's raging language at the remarriage is not fuelled by incestuous anxiety, then *what is behind his rancour?*

The suspicion that this might be an unilluminating production crept in when Julian Glover's Ghost made his first entry; armour-clad, certainly, but with nothing spectral about his appearance or movement.

Jamie Glover speaks his first words from the side of the stage, where he sits on the ground staring at the courtiers but not seeing them. There is a catch in his throat as he delivers the "inky cloak" speech that admirably indicates feelings held down by a need for civility, and his later outbursts possess a *fine truth*.

Blair's ripe and vigorous Gertrude is a good reading of the role but her Claudius (Michael Gardiner) is surprisingly retiring. Geoffrey Whitehead's Polonius is evidently the brains of the royal court, and after Hamlet murders him the state disintegrates. Where Polonius advises sensible spying from behind an arras, Claudius devises ludicrous schemes involving poison. *In some productions the play's* faults can be forgiven but here they are glaring. The duel is well fought, but I was glad to hear Fortinbras at long last *bid the soldiers shoot.*

JEREMY KINGSTON

Wait for the end

The Bedsit
Tabard, Turnham Green

WHATEVER else this review of Paul Sellar's play contains, *Jeremy Kingston writes*, I long to mention the last two minutes, and of course this is the unforgivable offence. "Don't give away the end," critics are told. So nothing about the climax, and no artfully ambiguous phrasing.

Heigh ho. Because what goes on beforehand in this 70-minute thriller is really a long lull before the lightning storm. It's OK, I didn't say lighting, although David Pleydell's work in this department contributes mightily to the nervous mood of the opening and the, *ah, nature of the end*.

In the dark, a spotlight reveals Polly Bowles in a far corner singing a sad, sour ballad about Willie McBride who died in 1915 fighting the Brits. She is joined by Phillip Hoffman, and then the darkness swallows them and the spot picks out the banal picture of a hunting scene. Just that, for about a minute until the lights slowly come on full and James Ellis (Brady) is seen sitting in a bare room, looking somewhat like a Peter Ustinov who has stopped seeing the funny side of life.

No wonder, because the hard young man he has allowed to share his room and the hard young man's harder colleague are soon with him and behaving with the rudeness of unwelcome guests. They may have beheaded his alsatian in another room, and more than likely carry instructions to do something nasty to Brady's head, too.

The fascination of the hunting print and what Brady calls the "horrendous hullaballoo" of the hunt is that the fox *is lonely, frightened and running. In* next to no time we have worked out that Brady once belonged to a body of Irish gunmen but fled, sickened by the bloodshed. The *ultimatum eventually* delivered is: rejoin or die.

Ellis and the younger couple (Cliff Hylands and Andrew Maclean) give fierce and clever performances, although the writing requires them to do the equivalent of treading water before the climax I mustn't mention. The director is Michael Friend, head of drama at Hurtwood House, who presented the play.

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Richard Evans recommends ten horses to follow for the National Hunt season

Collier Bay to relish champion role

CHERRYMORE: Described by Jenny Pitman as a big baby, he never made it to the racecourse last season but worked at home as well as any of her bumper winners. The five-year-old gelding has schooled particularly well over hurdles and is held in high regard.

COLLIER BAY: Few horses made more dramatic progress last season than Jim Old's stable star and there is good reason to believe there could be better to come this year. After winning at 25-1 on his seasonal reappearance when 18lb out of the handicap, the former John Gosden-trained Flat horse went on to win the AIG Europe Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown and the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham. On each occasion he showed a priceless ability to quicken in the closing stages. The six-year-old is best on easy or soft ground and will be difficult to beat when conditions are in his favour.

COOME HILL: Reminds me of Moorcroft Boy, the Scottish National winner, who also emerged from the hunter chase ranks three years ago. Trained by permit holder Walter Dennis, this seven-year-old landed a competitive chase at Wincanton on Saturday and should win his share of staying races.

IMPERIAL CALL: The record of Cheltenham Gold Cup winners the season after landing the chasing crown makes dismal reading, but Fergie Sutherland's seven-year-old can prove an exception. He produced the best performance by a Gold Cup winner this decade and, provided all remains well with him, he must stand a better chance than his predecessors of following up at Cheltenham next March.

JACK TANNER: After arriving at David Nicholson's yard from Ireland little more than a month before the Cheltenham Festival, he did particularly well in his first two starts over hurdles, including a fourth to Urubande in the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle at the Festival despite a jumping error at a vital time. He won with consummate ease at Stratford last month and at Uttoxeter on Saturday, and looks sure to win more staying hurdle events.

KIMANICKY: Nicky Henderson does particularly well with two-mile novice chasers and it would be no surprise to see this likeable six-year-old develop into an Arkle candidate. His best run last term saw him finish runner-up in the Supreme Novices' Hurdle, just ahead of Castle Sweep, Saturday's impressive Tote Silver Trophy winner. Physically, he looks the sort to progress over fences.

ONE MAN: This spectacular chaser, trained by Gordon Richards, has an outstanding record on flat tracks and, after an impressive seasonal debut at Wetherby ten days ago, he looks just the sort for the King George at Kempton on Boxing Day. He does not appear suited by Cheltenham and it would be no surprise to see him sidestep the Gold Cup in favour of the Martell Cup at Aintree.

SIERRA BAY: Missed last season because of immaturity, having run once in a bumper race the previous campaign. However, the absence may prove a blessing this year as Oliver Sherwood's six-year-old has strengthened up and his homework has been particularly impressive.

SUNY BAY: Unbeaten in his completed starts over fences and still only seven, Charlie Brooks's chaser looks sure to feature in the top staying handicaps, such as the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup and Grand National. This is provided the ground is genuinely good or softer. If this winter is particularly wet — similar to two years ago — he might even follow the Master Oats route and emerge as a live Gold Cup candidate.

TREASURE AGAIN: Unlike most of my selections, this old friend is likely to have a fairly low-key campaign and thereby could run up a winning sequence. Despite showing useful form in staying hurdle events, Merrita Jones has always thought he would come into his own as a chaser. He is likely to make his fencing debut at Market Rasen later this month. Although he has won on good to firm, he is best on soft.

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5	15/03P-6	OVERWHELM 24 (B,G) (Lady Watford) V Thompson 8-10-7	Mr M Thompson	—
6	50P00-6	SNOWY LANE 16 (H,B,G,S) (J Neville) J Neville 8-10-2	N Williamson	▣
7	3200-00	BARNSTORMER 10 (G) (E Elliott) E Elliott 10-10-1	D Parker	95
8	54004	TOP SKIPPER 12 (Mrs H Wane) M Wane 4-10-0	A S Smith	87
9	0/06U0U-	ARTHUR BEE 171 (Mrs D Bousfield) B Bousfield 9-10-0	G Lee (3)	89
10	00-0660	DARK MIDNIGHT 28 (Exors of R Lamb) D Lamb 7-10-0	B Harding	80

Long handicap: Arthur Bee 9-13, Dark Midnight 9-8

BETTING: 2-1 D'Arblay Street, 9-2 Jendee, 5-1 Top Skipper, 7-1 Tharsis, 10-1 Snowy Lane, 12-1 others

1995: BALZINO 6-10-0 Miss P Jones (6-1) N Tinkler 7 ran

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D'ARBLAY STREET 4¾l 5th of 7 to Exemplar in handicap hurdle at Kelso (2m 6f 110yd, good to firm). JENDEE beat The Gallopin'major neck in 7-runner handicap chase here (3m 3f, good to firm) on penultimate start. BLANC SEING 24l 6th of 9 to *Superlap in novice hurdle at Hexham (2m, good to firm)* on penultimate start. THARSIS 30l 9th of 11 to Joli's Great in selling handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 5f 110yd, good to firm). SNOWY LANE distant 6th of 12 to Tiger Claw in selling handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (3m 2f, good). BARNSTORMER 32l 7th of 10 to Antartic Wind in novice hurdle at Kelso (2m 6f 110yd, good to firm). TOP SKIPPER 9¾l 4th of 10 to *Fly To The End* in selling handicap hurdle here (2m 1f, good to firm).
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8		NIZAAL 41F (S Aitken) R Allan 5-11-0	N Williamson	—
9	0-	ONEOFTHEOLDONES 73F (R Baker) J Norton 4-11-0	Derek Byrne	—
10	0-0	SELECTRIC 16 (J Wade) J Wade 5-11-0	K Jones	—

BETTING: 9-4 Contrafire, 5-2 Fassan, 5-1 Suas Leat, 6-1 Bollin Frank, Brambles Way, 16-1 Nizaal, 25-1 others.

1995: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

SUAS LEAT beat Mithraic short-head in a 12-runner novices' handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good). BARIK 32l 7th of 9 to Stylish Interval in a *selling novice hurdle at Kelso (2m 110yd, good to firm)*. BOLLIN FRANK, fair 1m handicapper on Flat, 5l 12th of 25 to Gladys Althorpe in handicap at Doncaster (1m, good to firm) on penultimate flat start. BRAMBLES WAY beat Bures 3l in an 8-runner claiming hurdle over course and distance (good to firm). CONTRAFIRE completed double, beat Monaco Gold 5l in a 9-runner novice hurdle at *Carlisle (2m 1f, good)* with HOMECREST (7lb worse off) distant 6th. FASSAN neck 2nd of 14 to Executive Design in a novices' handicap hurdle at Newcastle (2m, soft), Mar 18.
Selection: CONTRAFIRE

1.50 RACING CHANNEL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,923: 2m 110yd) (9 runners)

1	*228-624*	*FULL O'PRAISE 17 (D,F,G) (Lord Zetland) P Calver 9-12-0*	L Wyer	98
2	1435-44	FLASH OF REALM 10 (V,D,F,G,S) (A 7 Partnership) B Mactaggart 10-11-10	B Storey	97
3	84-6F45	SHREWD JOHN 24 (B,D,F,G) (R Woodhouse) R Woodhouse 10-11-6	M Dwyer	▣
4	2P-123U	VAL DE RAMA 12 (C,F,G) (D Morland) Denys Smith 7-11-3	P Niven	90
5	262144-	PORT IN A STORM 167 (D,S) (J Doyle Ltd) M Hammond 7-11-2	Mr C Bonner (3)	91
6	3313-22	THUNDERSTRUCK 8 (C,F) (D Sheridan) J Johnson 10-10-10	N Williamson	90
7	/00041/	PARSON'S LODGE 565 (D,G) (Mrs S Mathews) L Lungo 8-10-7	M Foster	—
8	442312	CIRCULATION 10 (V,CD,F,G,S) (J Singleton) D McCain 10-10-0	D Walsh (3)	94
9	P550-P4	MASTER SALESMAN 19 (D,F,G) (F Scott) Mrs V Ward 15-10-0	D Parker	77

Long handicap: Circulation 9-12, Master Salesman 9-9

BETTING: 7-2 Thunderstruck, 4-1 Full O'Praise, 5-1 Parson's Lodge, Flash Of Realm, 6-1 Circulation, 7-1 others.

1995: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

FULL O'PRAISE 3½l 2nd of 4 to *Nobelfy* in handicap chase at Southwell (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start with *CIRCULATION distant 4th*. FLASH OF REALM 13l last of 4 to Briar's Delight *in handicap chase at Kelso (2m 1f, good to firm)*. SHREWD JOHN 8¾l 4th of 7 to Beaucadeau in handicap chase at Perth (2m, good) on penultimate start. VAL DE RAMA 9¾l 3rd of 10 to Le Denstan in novice chase here (2m 5f, good to firm) on *penultimate* start. PORT IN A STORM beat Lochnagrain 2l in 5-runner novices handicap chase at Ayr (2m, good to soft), Apr 96. THUNDERSTRUCK 4l *2nd of 5 to Blazing Dawn in amateurs* handicap chase at Newcastle (2m 110yd, good to firm). PARSON'S LODGE beat Upward Surge 25l in maiden chase at Perth (2m, good). CIRCULATION beat THUNDERSTRUCK (6lb worse off) 1½l in 5-runner handicap chase over course and distance (good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: CIRCULATION (nap)

2.20 DICK BREWITT MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,838: 3m 3f) (8 runners)

1	11441-1	ALY DALEY 8 (C,F,G,S) (M Tebbit) J Johnson 8-12-7 (7ex)	N Williamson	92
2	033121	SCRABO VIEW 31 (B,F,G,S) (R McNeish) P Beaumont 8-11-13	R Supple	69
3	5504-2U	IVY HOUSE 11 (BF,G,S) (Mrs L Joughin) J J O'Neill 8-11-9	M Dwyer	96
4	235P11	BLAZING DAWN 8 (CD,F,G,S) (J Hubbuck) J Hubbuck 9-11-5 (7ex)	B Storey	93
5	33/412U-	CALL THE SHOTS 238 (CD,F) (J Wade) J Wade 7-11-7	K Jones	▣
6	34575-0	GALA WATER 10 (F,S) (Mrs T Dun) T Dun 10-11-3	T Reed	91
7	P524/P2	OLE OLE 12 (C,F,S) (Mrs E Moscrop) Mrs E Moscrop 10-11-1	L Wyer	85
8	55-5334	FOXGROVE 14 (F,G) (Mrs C Middleton) R Price 10-10-5	R Guest	38

BETTING: 9-4 Aly Daley, 5-2 Ivy House, 4-1 Blazing Dawn, 5-1 Scrabo View, 6-1 Ole Ole, 12-1 Call The Shots, 20-1 others

1995: IFFEEE 5-12-0 A Maguire (8-13 fav) P Bowen 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALY DALEY beat Ceilidh Boy ¾l in a 7-runner handicap chase at Newcastle (3m, good to firm). SCRABO VIEW beat Royal Surprise neck in an 8-runner novice chase at Hexham (3m 1f, good to firm). IVY HOUSE, slight lead when blundered and unseated rider last in a 14-runner handicap chase *won by Basilicus at Bangor (3m 110yd, good to soft)*. BLAZING DAWN beat Thunderstruck 4l in a 5-runner amateurs handicap chase at Newcastle (3m 110yd, good to firm). Previously beat OLE OLE (6lb better off) neck in a 5-runner handicap chase over course and distance (good to firm). CALL THE SHOTS ½l 2nd of 12 to Go Silly in a novice chase over course and distance (good) on penultimate start, Feb 96. GALA WATER 14l 7th of 9 to Royal Vacation in a handicap chase at Kelso (2m 6f 110yd, good to firm). FOXGROVE 31l 4th of 6 to Coome Hill in an amateurs handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good to firm).
Selection: ALY DALEY

2.50 JOHN HELLENS NOVICES CHASE (£2,945: 2m 5f) (8 runners)

1	22-33	CADER IDRIS 17 (S) (D Wellicome) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-4	P Niven	[illegible]
2	5	DAWN LAD 17 (G Swinbank) Mrs A Swinbank 7-11-4	J Supple	[illegible]
3	4562-40	FINAL BEAT 10 (B) (Mrs M Curtis) J Curtis 7-11-4	L Wyer	▣
4	0-05	FINGERHILL 8 (M Thompson) V Thompson 7-11-4	Mr M Thompson	[illegible]
5	5U30-P5	THE ENERGISER 12 (Exors of R Lamb) D Lamb 10-11-4	J Burke	[illegible]
6	313F4-U	UNCLE KEENY 17 (G,S) (R Seed) J J O'Neill 6-11-4	M Dwyer	—
7	RPF-0	HIGH HANDED 11 (N Gallagher) T Caldwell 5-11-3	D Walsh (3)	—
8	P41P-	DEAR JEAN 248P (S) (M Sowersby) M Sowersby 6-10-13	D Parker	—

BETTING: 4-5 Uncle Keeny, 9-4 Cader Idris, 12-1 Final Beat, Dawn Lad, 16-1 The Energiser, Dear Jean, [illegible]

1995: HIGHLAND POACHER 8-11-3 D McCain (16-1) D McCain 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CADER IDRIS 33l 3rd of 6 to Simply Dashing in a *novice chase at Market Rasen (3m 4f, good)*. UNCLE KEENY led until unseated rider. DAWN LAD 46l 5th of 13 to Solomon's Dancer in a novice chase at Carlisle (2m 4f 110yd, good). THE ENERGISER tailed off when pulled up before 10th. FINAL BEAT 8l 4th of 5 to *The Gallopin'major in a* novices' handicap chase at Market Rasen (3m 1f good) on penultimate start. FINGERHILL [illegible] *of 9 to Stan's Your Man in a novice hurdle at* Newcastle (2m 4f, good to firm). UNCLE KEENY [illegible] 4th of 10 to Tullymurry Toff in a handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m 4f, good) May 95. DEAR JEAN [illegible] Henry Darling 3l in a 9-runner maiden chase at *Southwell (3m, heavy)* on penultimate start Feb 95.
No selection

3.20 *STANLEY RACING NOVICES HURDLE*
(£2,265: 2m 5f 110yd) (7 runners)

1	P00-313	CULRAIN 7 (F) (A McDonald) T Caldwell 5-11-5	D Walsh (3)	92
2	3103-12	ELA MATA 17 (BF,F,G) (F Sanchez) Mrs A Swinbank 4-11-5	J Railton	95
3	000P-	ALICAT 188 (J Curtis) J Curtis 5-10-12	R Garritty	—
4	1-111	DURAID 16 (F,G) (A Suddes) Denys Smith 4-10-12	R Guest	—
5	0500-4	*JILLS JOY 31 (R Bacon) J Norton 5-10-12*	*G Lee (3)*	86
6	00/0P-	RUSTIC WARRIOR 272 (J Wade) J Wade 6-10-12	K Jones	—
7	0000-44	SILLY MONEY 16 (Mrs J Conroy) T Easterby 5-10-12	L Wyer	▣

BETTING: 4-5 Duraid, 7-2 Ela Mata, 5-1 Silly Money, 10-1 Culrain, 12-1 Jills Joy, 50-1 Alicat, Rustic Warrior

1995: MAGSLAD 5-10-9 A Roche (2-5 fav) J J O'Neill 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

CULRAIN *beat Rose Chime 8l in a 5-runner novice* hurdle at Warwick (2m 3f firm) on penultimate start. ELA MATA 5l 2nd of 16 to Shanavogh in a novice hurdle at Carlisle (2m 4f 110yd, good). Previously beat Tigh-Na-Mara 5l in a 10-runner novice hurdle *at Bangor (2m 4f, good to firm) with JILLS JOY* (5lb better off) 8l 4th. DURAID completed [illegible] beat Good Vibes 1½l in a 14-runner National Hunt Flat race at Wetherby (2m, good). SILLY MONEY 10l 4th of 12 to Suas Leat in a novices' handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good).
Selection: SILLY MONEY

3.50 LEVY BOARD MARES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,988: 2m 5f 110yd) (7 runners)

1	232254-	CHADWICK'S GINGER 192 (F,G) (W Tinning) W Tinning 5-12-0	S Gordon (7)	[illegible]
2	005-124	SMART APPROACH 11 (BF,F) (Mrs M Thewlis) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-4	P Niven	[illegible]
3	0?R220	TIGH-NA-MARA 16 (B Gordon) J Jefferson 5-11-0	M Newton (7)	[illegible]
4	45/12-36	MARSDEN ROCK 11 (F) (N Mason) N Mason 9-10-10	S Haworth (7)	▣
5	U0000-5	HELENS BAY 4 (G) (Mrs V Thompson) V Thompson 6-10-3	Mr M Thompson	—
6	5404-0	STORMING LORNA 16 (W McKeown) W McKeown 6-10-2	G Cahill (3)	90
7	020256-	MILLIES IMAGE 250 (M Ford) F Murtagh 5-10-5	R Supple	91

Long handicap: Storming Lorna 9-9, Millies Image 9-7

BETTING: 7-4 Tigh-Na-Mara, 2-1 Smart Approach, 6-1 Marsden Rock, 8-1 Chadwick's Ginger, 10-1 others

1995: RICH DESIRE 6-11-13 A Maguire (4-5 fav) F Murphy 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHADWICK'S GINGER 10½l 4th of 6 to Over The Island in a novices' handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 5f good). SMART APPROACH 7l 2nd of 7 to Pebble Beach in a novices' handicap hurdle at Wetherby (3m 1f good to firm) on penultimate start. TIGH-NA-MARA 5l 2nd of 10 to Ela Mata in a novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. MARSDEN ROCK 1½l and neck 3rd of 10 to Clover Girl in a handicap hurdle here (2m 1f, good to firm) on penultimate [illegible]. STORMING LORNA 24l 5th of 12 to Suas Leat in a novices' handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good). MILLIES IMAGE 15l 2nd of 10 to All On in a maiden hurdle over course and distance (good to firm), Jan 96.
Selection: CHADWICK'S GINGER

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wnrs	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs M Reveley	65	222	29.3	P Niven	55	172	32.0
P Beaumont	13	64	20.3	G Lee	9	37	24.3
J J O'Neill	12	60	20.0	L Wyer	23	112	20.5
N Mason	6	32	18.8	M Dwyer	21	139	15.1
L Lungo	7	38	18.4	M Foster	5	[illegible]	[illegible]
Denys Smith	14	91	15.4	J Supple	10	66	15.2

THUNDERER

1.10 Cyphratis. 1.40 Willie Makeit. 2.10 Burlington Sam. 2.40 Danzig Island. 3.10 *Lady Peta*. 3.40 Rainbow Castle. 4.10 Forofivetwohundred.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

1.10 NORTON MAIDEN HURDLE
(£2,332: 2m 5f 110yd) (7 runners)

1	4	CYPHRATIS 19 Mrs J Pitman 5-11-5	W Marston	91
2	2425	DACELO 7 (BF) O Sherwood 5-11-5	J Osborne	▣
3	80-3	JON'S CHOICE 16F B Preece 8-11-5	V Slattery	82
4	6/3-	MEDFORD 418 W G M Turner 6-11-5	J Power (7)	87
5	04-0	RARDON 16 Mrs A Hewitt 5-11-5	S Wynne	—
6	F	SET THE FASHION 14 (V) D Williams 7-11-5	P Holley	—
7	3-45	ONE MORE DIME 18 [illegible] 6-11-0	[illegible]	67

7-4 Dacelo, 11-4 Set The Fashion, 7-2 Cyphratis, 7-1 Medford, 10-1 Jon's Choice, 16-1 One More Dime, 25-1 Rardon.

1.40 HIGH SUMMER HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,048: 2m) (7)

1	1211	MILL O'THE RAGS 16 (D,F,G) Mrs D Haine 7-12-0	J F Titley	90
2	133-	SPINNING STEEL 190 (D,F,G) P Bradford 9-11-13	S Burrough	▣
3	2441	FENWICK 16 (CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 9-11-2	T Dascombe (3)	93
4	PU1-	LOBSTER COTTAGE 180 (D,F) K Bailey 8-11-2	A Thornton	92
5	1153	WILLIE MAKEIT 16 (B,F,G) R Phillips 6-11-6	A Maguire	96
6	00-0	CHAIN SHOT 30 (B,D,F,G) J Peacock 11-10-5	R Bellamy	—
7	00-4	FICHU 16 (D,F,S) Mrs L Richards 8-10-0	M Richards	88

9-4 Mill O'The Rags, 5-2 Lobster Cottage, 4-1 Spinning Steel, 6-1 Fenwick, 8-1 Willie Makeit, 12-1 Fichu, 14-1 Chain Shot.

2.10 BLANDFORD BETTING CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,010: 2m) (14)

1	1430	HACKETTS CROSS 11 (F,G) P Eccles 8-12-0	P Henley	88
2	324-	TADELLAL 8F W G M Turner 5-11-11	J Power (5)	95
3	P256	TWICE THE GROOM 9 (B,S) R Lee 6-11-7	B Hogan	86
4	-005	SAYMORE 11 (D,F,G,S) W Clay 10-11-7	E Husband	80
5	4P	BILL AND WIN 17 (B,S) T Wall 5-10-13	G E Smith	—
6	0P-1	BURLINGTON SAM 13 (B) A Hobbs 8-10-12	G Supple (3)	▣
7	-0P0	SIR PAGEANT 12 (B,G,S) K Bishop 7-10-5	M Griffiths (3)	—
8	0500	JAVA SHRINE 31 (CD,F) J Yeck 5-10-4	D Fortt	94
9	3F05	PITCHLEY DAWN 12 D O'Neill 6-10-3	D J Kavanagh	85
10	-000	OLD MASTER 7 R Baker 5-10-0	G F Ryan	87
11	3030	GALLOPING GUNS 4 B Llewellyn 4-10-0	Guy Lewis	93
12	P-PP	LUSTREMAN 31 (D,F,G) J Peacock 9-10-0	T Dascombe	—
13	40-5	DIESEL 6 K Bate 7-10-0	Mark Brown (7)	—
14	0-P0	QUICK DECISION 24 J Cromwell 5-10-0	N T Egan (5)	—

7-2 Burlington Sam, 4-1 Hacketts Cross, 5-1 Tadellal, 7-1 Twice The Groom, 8-1 Java Shrine, 10-1 Pitchley Dawn, 12-1 others.

2.40 BATES & HUNT GROUP NOVICES CHASE
(£3,776: 2m 4f) (7)

1	-41P	ON THE TEAR 16 (CD,F) F Lloyd 10-11-4	S McNeill	71
2	25-6	BOLD ACRE 6 (S) J Bradley 6-10-12	R Johnson	—
3	P32P	CALL ME ALBI 29 (V,F) Mrs L Richards 5-10-12	M Richards	▣
4	13-0	DANZIG ISLAND 17 (B,F,G) W Jenks 5-10-12	T Jenks	—
5	30-0	DORMSTON BOYO 8F T Wall 6-10-12	Mr R Thornton (7)	85
6	3455	*LEGAL ARTIST 4 (B) Miss C Johnsey 6-10-12*	L Harvey	85
7	P2P-	SEACHEST 202P Mrs V Stephens 7-10-7	Miss V Stephens	—

6-4 Danzig Island, 7-2 Bold Acre, 4-1 Call Me Albi, 6-1 Dormston Boyo, 7-1 On The Tear, Legal Artist, 20-1 Seachest

3.10 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,262: 2m) (5)

1	01-3	DARAKSHAN 16 (BF,F,G) Miss H Knight 4-11-8	J F Titley	92
2	00-0	DEFERENCE DUE 19 B Price 5-11-0	A Thornton	—
3	422-	LADY PETA 189 (S) N Henderson 6-11-0	M A Fitzgerald	▣
4	000-	OPTIMISTIC AFFAIR 218 A Streeter 5-11-0	T Eley	—
5	00-	WELSH LOOT 186 O Sherwood 5-11-0	J Osborne	—

4-6 Lady Peta, 5-2 Darakshan, 4-1 Welsh Loot, 33-1 Deference Due, Optimistic Affair.

3.40 TOTE CREDIT HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,501: 3m) (5)

1	45-P	CORRARDER 38 (C,F,G) J Smyth-Osbourne 12-12-0	W Marston	▣
2	-118	FATHER SKY 16 (B,D,BF,F) O Sherwood 5-11-12	J Osborne	93
3	-113	RAINBOW CASTLE 16 (BF,F,G) P Nicholls 9-11-11	A P McCoy	92
4	-P4F	MUTUAL TRUST 18 (D,F,G,S) P Bowen 12-10-13	R Johnson	—
5	0P8-	LORD OF THE WEST 206 (G,S) J J O'Neill 7-10-8	A Maguire	—

8-4 Rainbow Castle, 2-1 Father Sky, 5-1 Corrarder, 6-1 Lord Of The West, 10-1 Mutual Trust.

4.10 SHOBDON INTERMEDIATE CLAIMING NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,306: 2m) (7)

1		FOROFIVETWOHUNDRED M Pipe 5-11-5	G Supple (7)	—
2		DAYDREAM BELIEVER M Salaman 4-10-10	N T Egan (7)	—
3	0	A S JIM 32 O O'Neill 5-10-9	D J Kavanagh (5)	—
4	2	DITOPERO 10 (BF) W G M Turner 4-10-9	J Power (7)	—
5	6	HIDDEN VALLEY 26 R Frost 4-10-9	DOUBTFUL	—
6		POPPY'S DREAM J Warden 6-10-8	Mr R Thornton (7)	—
7	0-0	SYBAN 19 B Preece 5-10-5	Miss L Boswell (7)	—

4-5 Forofivetwohundred, 6-4 Ditopero, 7-1 Poppy's Dream, 8-1 Hidden Valley, 12-1 Daydream Believer, 20-1 Syban, 33-1 A S Jim

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J J O'Neill, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; N Henderson, 6 from 21, 28.6%; K Bailey, 17 from 60, 28.3%; M Pipe, 17 from 67, 25.4%; R Hodges, 7 from 38, 18.4%; Mrs J Pitman, 5 from 37, 16.2%.

JOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 10 winners from 43 rides, 23.3%; J Osborne, 10 from 51, 19.6%; A Maguire, 16 from 89, 18.0%; J Titley, 4 from 24, 16.7%; M Richards, 4 from 27, 14.8%; A Thornton, 7 from 51, 13.7%.

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright
suggests the best value in the ante-post market

The first running of the Murphy's Gold Cup - known since its inception in 1960 as the Mackeson - can bring the National Hunt season to life at Cheltenham on Saturday.

As ever, some old favourites will be reappearing, and none more so than last year's winner, Dublin Flyer. This *bold-jumping front runner* [illegible] last year, so lack of a recent run should not [illegible], but the fact that he is 5lb *higher in the weights this time around may just* prove too much.

Big Matt, *third last year*, ran a good trial when runner-up to Storm *Alert at Ascot earlier this month* and should again go close, but is not weighted to reverse the form with Dublin Flyer.

Challenger Du Luc has been all the rage since the booking of Richard Dunwoody was announced at the weekend. He was impressive in winning the Cathcart Chase at the Cheltenham Festival in March, but was subsequently well beaten off his new handicap mark and offers no value at 6-1. Call It A Day has also attracted support after winning a three-runner race at Uttoxeter on Saturday, but is still not a definite runner and cannot be backed yet.

In the Mildmay of Flete over course and distance at the Festival, Call It A Day was beaten half-a-length by Old Bridge, and meets that rival on 1lb worse terms. While Call It A Day is now a best-priced 10-1, OLD BRIDGE is 25-1 with the Tote and merits each-way support.

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Coral	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Big Matt	11-2	5-1	11-2	5-1
Challenger Du Luc	11-2	5-1	11-2	6-1
Dublin Flyer	6-1	6-1	6-1	7-1
Addington Boy	8-1	8-1	7-1	8-1
[illegible]	7-1	[illegible]	9-1	9-1
Call It A Day	10-1	8-1	8-1	7-1
Kibreet	8-1	7-1	8-1	9-1
Easthorpe	10-1	10-1	11-1	9-1
Strong Promise	11-1	10-1	10-1	20-1
Barton Bank	10-1	20-1	16-1	10-1
Travado	20-1	20-1	14-1	20-1
Old Bridge	16-1	20-1	20-1	25-1

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

12.30 Mimosa. 1.00 Enchantica. 1.30 Awesome Power. 2.00 Zahran. 2.30 Cee-N-K. 3.00 Matthias Mystique. 3.30 Gad Yakoun. 4.00 Smile Forever.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 12.30 Czarna. 1.00 HYDE PARK (nap).

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

12.30 PULLMAN FOODS HANDICAP
(Div I: £2,602: 1m) (11 runners)

101	0250	GREATEST 89 (C,D,F,G) Miss G Kelleway 5-10-0	D Harrison 10
102	0401	THAI MORNING 24 (D,F,G) P Harris 3-9-11	G Duffield 3
103	4000	CZARNA 13 (C,S) C Brittain 5-9-9	M Roberts 2
104	0420	MIMOSA 14 (D,F) S Dow 3-9-5	Dane O'Neill 9
105	0505	BARBASON 41 (C,G) A Moore 4-9-0	Candy Morris 8
106	1200	SOOTY TERN 48 (CD,F,G,S) J Bradley 9-8-10	L Charnock 4
107	0-20	MEDLAND 63 (CD,BF,F,G) B McMath 6-8-3	D Biggs 1
108	0002	ZANDRA 8 R Akehurst 4-8-1	S Sanders 5
109	0800	HONG KONG DOLLAR 85 (V) B Pearce 4-7-10	J Quinn 6
110	3025	WINGNUT 78 (G) R Ingram 3-7-10	D Wright (3) 7
111	*0610*	*RICHARD HOUSE LAD 19 (D,F) R Hollinshead 3-7-10*	R Mullen (7) 11

9-4 Thai Morning, 3-1 Greatest, 4-1 Mimosa, 6-1 Barbason, 7-1 Zandra, 8-1 Czarna, 10-1 Sooty Tern, 12-1 others.

1.00 NEWMARKET MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,319: 5f) (10)

201	52	HYDE PARK 24 (BF) M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield 7
202	000	ROCK TO THE TOP 22 J Sheehan 9-0	A Morris 10
203	00	COLLEGE PRINCESS 22 C Dwyer 8-9	Jo Hunnam (7) 5
204	65	COME DANCING 35 M Johnston 8-9	M Roberts 3
205	4333	*ENCHANTICA 5 (V) J Berry 8-9*	*G Carter* 1
206	63	LADY SHIRL 22 P Mitchell 8-9	J Quinn 6
207	6	MISS DARLING 108 J Akehurst 8-9	S Sanders 9
208	00	SNOW EAGLE 15 R Hannon 8-9	Dane O'Neill 2
209	43	SPLASHED 35 T Barron 8-9	D McKeown 4
210	0	TREVOR MITCHELL 15 J Bridger 8-9	R Mullen (7) 8

7-4 Splashed, 9-4 Hyde Park, 6-1 Lady Shirl, 7-1 Enchantica, 8-1 Snow Eagle, 10-1 Come Dancing, 12-1 others

1.30 MIDDLEHAM LIMITED STAKES
(Div I: £2,048: 1m 2f) (9)

301	*0320*	*AWESOME POWER 15 (CD,G) J Hills 10-9-2*	A Clark 7
302	522-	KEDWICK 580J P *Hedger* 7-9-2	A McGlone 9
303	3000	KIROV PROTEGE 76 (G) Mrs L Jewell 4-9-2	Dane O'Neill 5
304	000-	KISSAVOS 399 (C,F,G) B Meehan 10-9-2	G Hannon (7) 2
305	0550	PREMIER LEAGUE 48 (D,G,S) J Long 6-9-2	Leesa Long 1
306	*0000*	*BELLATEENA 11 (D,F) H Collingridge 4-8-13*	*J Quinn* 3
307	-250	BE SATISFIED 210 A Moore 3-8-12	S Sanders 6
308	-000	ROSE TINT 43 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-9	D Harrison 8
309	0000	SWEET AMORET 14 (G) P Howling 3-8-9	F Norton 4

5-2 Awesome Power, 3-1 Kedwick, 9-2 Premier League, 6-1 Be Satisfied, 7-1 Sweet Amoret, 8-1 Rose Tint, 10-1 Kirov Protege, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: T Barron, 8 winners from 31 runners, 25.8%; P Harris, 10 from 39, 25.6%; G Lewis, 18 from 77, 23.4%; Lord Huntingdon, 41 from 182, 22.5%; S Williams, 5 from 23, 21.7%; M Prescott, 18 from 86, 20.9%.

JOCKEYS: M Roberts, 8 winners from 26 rides, 30.8%; D McKeown, 20 from 118, 16.9%; A Culhane, 3 from 20, 15.0%; G Duffield, 21 from 142, 14.8%; D Holland, 12 from 82, 14.6%; D Harrison, 28 from 219, 12.8%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Park: 12.30 Hong Kong Dollar. 1.00 Enchantica. 2.00 Incatinka. 2.30 Peter Perfect. 3.00 Mull House. 3.30 Veronica Franco, Woodbury Lad. Ludlow: 2.10 Sir Pageant. 3.40 Father Sky. Sedgefield: 1.50 Shrewd John. 2.50 Final Beat.

2.00 PULLMAN FOODS HANDICAP
(Div II: £2,589: 1m) (11)

401	0000	SHOW FAITH 14 (D,G,S) R Hannon 6-9-12	Dane O'Neill 5
402	1-00	HURTLEBERRY 19 (F) Lord Huntingdon 3-9-7	D Harrison 9
403	4615	ALLINSON'S MATE 13 (B,CD,F,G) T Barron 8-9-4	Victoria Appleby (7) 4
404	0-00	QUEEN'S INSIGNIA 12 (D,F,G) P Cole 3-9-2	C Rutter 11
405	0616	MONO LADY 12 (S) D Haydn Jones 3-8-11	M Fenton 3
406	*-060*	*INCATINKA 10 (B) J Spearing 3-8-9*	S Drowne 1
407	0-00	PRIVATE FIXTURE 171 (C,G) D Marks 5-8-8	G Duffield 2
408	0500	FORGOTTEN DANCER 82 (S) R Ingram 5-8-0	D Wright (3) 7
409	-050	FANCY DESIGN 18 P Mitchell 3-7-12	J Quinn 10
410	6043	ZAHRAN 8 (CD,F,G) J Bradley 5-7-11	L Charnock 6
411	005-	NORFOLK GLORY 496 D Murray Smith 4-7-10	*N Adams* 8

7-2 Allinson's Mate, 4-1 Show Faith, 5-1 Mono Lady, Zahran, 8-1 Hurtleberry, Queen's Insignia, Forgotten Dancer, 10-1 others

2.30 WANTAGE NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £2,955: 6f) (11)

501	1320	AEGEAN SOUND 17 (D,G) *R Hannon* 9-7	Dane O'Neill 5
502	042	CEE-N-K 10 (BF) M Johnston 9-6	M Roberts 6
503	*8520*	*MON BRUCE 21 W Muir 9-4*	F Lynch (3) 1
504	4054	MASTERSTROKE 36 (D,F) B Meehan 8-12	M Tebbutt 2
505	4604	SUITE FACTORS 5 (V,F) K Burke 8-9	S Sanders 8
506	3386	SODA 14 T Barron 8-8	D McKeown 10
507	6400	BARRESBO 17 C Fairhurst 8-5	P Fessey (5) 4
508	000	PETER PERFECT 22 (B) G Lewis 8-1	*J Quinn* 3
509	3520	ROYAL EMBLEM 14 A Foster 8-0	T Sprake 11
510	0000	*MYSTERY 22 S Dow 7-12*	R Mullen (7) 7
511	560	SERETSE'S NEPHEW 26 S Williams 7-10	D Wright (3) 9

7-2 Cee-N-K, 9-2 Mon Bruce, 5-1 Suite Factors, 6-1 Aegean Sound, 7-1 Soda, 8-1 Masterstroke, 10-1 Barresbo, 12-1 others

3.00 *LAMBOURN HANDICAP* (£2,398: 2m) (14)

601	3006	COLERIDGE 19 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Sheehan 8-10-0	G Duffield 7
602	2640	GUEST ALLIANCE 54 (CD,G) *A Moore* 4-9-13	Candy Morris 13
603	000P	QUILLWORK 20 J Pearce 4-9-13	M Wigham 4
604	*034-*	*SLEEPTITE 10J (C,G) W G M Turner 6-9-12*	D McGaffin (7) 5
605	3310	BROUGHTONS FORMULA 19 (B,C,D,F,G) W Musson 6-9-8	D R McCabe 2
606	0262	MATTHIAS MYSTIQUE 15 Miss B Sanders 3-9-4	S Sanders 14
607	5060	PLATINUM PLUS 5 (F,G,S) C Dwyer 4-9-3	J Stack 8
608	*0003*	*COH SHO NO 15 S Dow 3-9-2*	*Dane O'Neill* 8
609	-000	MULL HOUSE 19 (V,D,F,G) G Enright 9-9-2	N Adams 12
610	*6061*	*BRIGHTER BYFAAH 106 (F) N Graham 3-8-11*	M Roberts 6
611	0000	ELA-MENT 171 B Pearce 4-8-7	D McKeown 1
612	0000	TRAPPER NORMAN 54 R Ingram 4-8-4	A McGlone 11
613	5-06	BURSUL LADY 92 Miss B Sanders 3-7-10	J Quinn 9
614	000	HADDIT 28 A Newcombe 3-7-10	F Norton 10

3-1 Broughtons Formula, 9-2 Matthias Mystique, 5-1 Coh Sho No, 6-1 Brighter Byfaah, 8-1 Coleridge, 10-1 Sleeptite, 12-1 others.

3.30 EPSOM MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,566: 7f) (8)

1	365	GAD YAKOUN 18 M Meagher 9-0	J Quinn 3
2	00	MAZUREK 19 P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	D Harrison 2
3	2232	WOODBURY LAD 5 (B,BF) W Muir 9-0	Dane O'Neill 7
4	00	FIRST GALLERY 5 R Flower 8-9	D Biggs 4
5	00	*MADISON'S TOUCH 5 R Flower 8-9*	S Drowne 5
6	4030	SINKING SUN 21 (B) B Hills 8-9	D Holland 1
7	*0000*	*VERONICA FRANCO 22 (B) B Pearce 8-9*	S Sanders 6
8	00	WEY RIVER MIST 141 J Bridger 8-9	R Mullen (7) 8

Evens Woodbury Lad, 7-4 Mazurek, 9-2 Sinking Sun, 8-1 Gad Yakoun, 12-1 Madison's Touch, 20-1 others

4.00 MIDDLEHAM LIMITED STAKES
(Div II: £2,048: 1m 2f) (8)

1	0114	DOUBLE RUSH 14 (CD,F,G) T Mills 4-9-6	S Sanders 7
2	0001	NO SUBMISSION 8 (V,C,D,G,S) D Chapman 10-9-4	A Culhane 1
3	*0520*	*CHALKY DANCER 29 H Collingridge 4-9-2*	*J Quinn* 4
4	4040	DIA GEORGY 259 (C,F,G,S) C Dwyer 5-9-2	M Wigham 5
5	4004	EASTLEIGH 38 (C,G,S) R Hollinshead 7-9-2	F Lynch (3) 8
6	0050	KOMODO 152 J Long 4-9-2	T Field (7) 2
7	3503	RACING TELEGRAPH 24J (G) C Allen 6-9-2	R Mullen (7) 3
8	0050	SMILE FOREVER 41 Miss G Kelleway 3-8-9	Dane O'Neill 6

7-4 No Submission, 9-4 Double Rush, 9-2 Eastleigh, 5-1 Smile Forever, 8-1 Racing Telegraph, Dia Georgy, 10-1 others

Folkestone

Going: soft (heavy in places)

12.50 (6f 189yd) 1, Return Of Amin (T Quinn, 7-1); 2, Sai St John (6-1); 3, Spaniard's Mount (3-1 fav). 11 ran. 3l, hd. J Bethell. Tote: £8.60; £1.80, £2.30, £1.90. DF: £49.80. Trio: £57.60. CSF: £46.81. Tricast: £140.89.

1.20 (5f) 1, Belty Behaviour (Dane O'Neill, 9-2); 2, Sous Le Nez (9-2); 3, Key Largo (4-1). E-Mail 7-2 fav. 8 ran. Hd, 5l. R Hannon. Tote: £4.90; £1.50, £1.90, £2.20. DF: £9.50. CSF: £23.89.

1.50 (6f) 1, Arantxa (M Fenton, 7-2; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Mr Paradise (2-1 fav); 3, Always Alight (25-1). 9 ran. 4l, 2½l. M Bell. Tote: £3.80; £1.10, £1.70, £3.70. DF: £3.40. Trio: £25.20. CSF: £11.18.

2.20 (6f) 1, Just Nick (J Reid, 4-5 fav, The Times Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Khatim Allam (33-1); 3, Rolley Spunky (9-1). 8 ran. Nk, 1¼l. W Muir. Tote: £1.70; £1.00, £8.80, £4.80. DF: £14.80. CSF: £28.12.

2.50 [illegible] 1, Isle More Hamble (D Wright, 2-1 fav); 2, Ginka (7-2); 3, Audigo (20-1). 11 ran. NR: Rose Of Glenn. ¾l, 9l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.90; £1.10, £1.70, £5.20. DF: £7.60. Trio: £86.70. CSF: £13.14. Tricast: £159.02. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

3.20 (1m 4f) 1, Lucy Tufty (F Norton, 5-1); 2, Nothing Doing (9-2 jt-fav); 3, Zeeh (20-1); 4, El Bardador (22-1). Petoskin 9-2 jt-fav. 18 ran. ¾l, 7l. J Pearce. Tote: £8.20; £1.50, £1.90, £6.60, £2.70. DF: £19.70. Trio: £155.00. CSF: £30.81. Tricast: £410.24. No bid.

3.50 (1m 4f) 1, Tonka (D Harrison, 20-1); 2, Compass Pointer (10-1); 3, Siege Perilous (3-1 fav); 4, Fairy Knight (6-1). 17 ran. NR: Absolutelystunning. 1¾l, 4l. P Makin. Tote: £39.70; £7.80, £2.90, £1.30, £2.00. DF: £345.20. Trio: £482.70. CSF: £229.23. Tricast: £734.98. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

Placepot: £32.80. Quadpot: £8.70.

Wolverhampton

Going: standard

12.40 (7f) 1, Leigh Crofter (J Weaver, 14-1); 2, Best Of All (3-1); 3, Statistician (10-1). Alstans Rocket 11-4 fav. 12 ran. Hd, 1¾l. P Cundell. Tote: £13.40; £4.30, £1.50, £2.20. DF: £26.70. Trio: £156.80 (part won. Pool of £8.95 carried forward to 3.00 Lingfield Park today). CSF: £56.79.

1.10 (1m 1f 79yd) 1, Shahik (L Charnock, 5-1); 2, Master Millfield (3-1 fav); 3, Theatre Magic (10-1). 13 ran. ½l, 7l. D Haydn Jones. Tote: £5.10; £2.70, £1.10, £2.40. DF: £12.70. Trio: £46.30. CSF: £21.64. Tricast: £142.38.

1.40 (1m 100yd) 1, Hello Dolly (R French, 12-1); 2, Skelton Sovereign (12-1); 3, Greenwich Fore (16-1). Ben's Ridge 11-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Priory Gardens. ¾l, sh hd. K Burke. Tote: £14.50; £4.00, £3.00, £5.80. DF: £43.10. Trio: £124.40 (part won. Pool of £87.66 carried forward to 3.00 Lingfield Park today). CSF: £141.68. Tricast: £2,186.56.

2.10 (1m 100yd) 1, Mighty Keen (J Weaver, 5-1); 2, Agent (5-2 fav); 3, School Boy (6-1). 13 ran. 1¾l, 6l. M Johnston. Tote: £6.00; £1.50, £2.40, £1.50. DF: £8.00. Trio: £12.50. CSF: £17.74.

2.40 (7f) 1, Sis Garden (R French, 7-1); 2, Elite Hope (10-1); 3, Dragonjoy (5-1 jt-fav). Kombucha 5-1 jt-fav. 12 ran. ¾l, 6l. J Cullinan. Tote: £10.40; £2.20, £2.20, £1.20. DF: £97.70. Trio: £51.70. CSF: £67.33. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

3.10 (1m 1f 79yd) 1, Silverstrand (R Mullen, 10-1); 2, Golden Touch (5-2 fav); 3, Sandmoor Denim (6-1). 12 ran. NR: Sommersby. Nk, 3l. J Banks. Tote: £14.40; £3.00, £1.40, £2.10. DF: £37.10. Trio: £47.30. CSF: £36.04. Tricast: £180.74.

3.40 (6f) 1, Robec Girl (P Fessey, 8-11 fav); 2, Lightning Bolt (10-1); 3, Princess Of Hearts (3-1). 11 ran. NR: Bearded Mill. 1¾l, nk. J Berry. Tote: £2.00; £1.20, £2.30, £1.20. DF: £11.70. Trio: £10.80. CSF: £11.15. Bought in 7,200gns.

4.10 (1m 4f) 1, Hill Farm Dancer (R Mullen, 11-4 fav); 2, Sharp Command (5-1); 3, State Approval (4-1). 12 ran. 5l, ¾l. W Brisbourne. Tote: £4.30; £1.10, £3.50, £3.30. DF: £15.00. Trio: £84.20. CSF: £19.27. Tricast: £53.82.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £10,799.43 carried forward to Lingfield Park today).

Placepot: £192.40. Quadpot: £36.80.

Carlisle

Going: good (good to soft in places)

1.00 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Military Academy (R Dunwoody, 7-2); 2, Ben Cruachan (3-1); 3, Pebble Beach (10-1). Swanbister 11-4 fav (ur). 9 ran. 10l, 9l. G Richards. Tote: £4.20; £2.00, £1.10, £1.30. DF: £7.80. Trio: £31.10. CSF: £13.79.

1.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Mariners Mirror (Mr M Rimell, 2-1); 2, Coverdale Lane (15-2); 3, Miss Colette (25-1). Rich Desire 13-8 fav (pu). 7 ran. Dist, dist. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £3.30. DF: £9.00. CSF: £15.85.

2.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Lifebuoy (T Reed, 8-1); 2, Baher (7-2 fav); 3, Leap In The Dark (4-1). 10 ran. NR: Broadwater Boy. 9l, 3½l. J Turner. Tote: £10.30; £2.00, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £37.60. Trio: £167.00 (part won. Pool of £30.59 carried forward to 3.00 Lingfield Park today). CSF: £36.94. Tricast: £123.62.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, Parsons Boy (B Harding, 5-1); 2, Ubu Val (16-1); 3, Holy Sting (7-1). Stop The Waller 7-2 fav. 10 ran. Nk, 4l. G Richards. Tote: £5.30; £1.70, £3.50, £2.40. DF: £32.90. Trio: £150.20. CSF: £71.17. Tricast: £516.39.

3.00 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Hallo Dearing (C Llewellyn, 11-10 fav); 2, Troodos (4-1); 3, Stormy Coral (7-1). 10 ran. 9l, 10l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £2.00; £1.70, £1.60, £1.10. DF: £2.30. Trio: £6.80. CSF: £6.65. Tricast: £22.81.

3.30 (2m ch) 1, Regal Romper (R Guest, 8-4 fav); 2, Pagliaccio (9-2); 3, Solba (12-1). 6 ran. ¾l, 9l. Mrs S Smith. Tote: £2.50; £2.80, £1.40. DF: £7.90. CSF: £8.28.

4.00 (2m 1f flat) 1, Colour Code (J Supple, 13-2); 2, Good Vibes (4-1); 3, Ardrina (16-1). Jervaulx 2-1 jt-fav. 20 ran. 5l, 8l. Mrs A Swinbank. Tote: £32.10; £8.60, £1.60, £5.00. DF: £17.00. Trio: not won (pool of £183.81 carried forward to 3.00 Lingfield Park today). CSF: £42.97.

Placepot: £51.40. Quadpot: £9.50.

RACELINE
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Legendary leader's influence on team-mates marked him out for footballing glory

Fearless tactician with gift of the gab

David Miller continues our series on great captains by recalling the wise words of the late Danny Blanchflower, whose intelligent leadership and skilful football helped Tottenham to the Double and Northern Ireland to the World Cup quarter-finals

Harry Gregg, post-Munich hero of Manchester United, had played his first international for Northern Ireland against Wales at Wrexham. It had been a daunting experience, fresh out of Doncaster Rovers reserves, before Matt Busby signed him for the then record £24,000 for a goalkeeper. The legendary John Charles, a sledgehammer in the air, was to play centre forward for Wales rather than centre half.

Danny Blanchflower had a quiet word beforehand with his big, raw young goalkeeper. "Don't worry, son, you'll get everything. And when you do, just throw it out to the right. I'll be there."

Gregg did. Blanchflower was. It was a turning-point in the youngster's career. Another came during Northern Ireland's celebrated run in the 1958 World Cup. Gregg, still maturing, tended to be quick-tempered, to sense any slight. Again Blanchflower, already 32 but still three years away from what would be the pinnacle of his career as captain of Tottenham Hotspur's Double-winning team, took Gregg to one side.

"You don't need to fight people any more," Blanchflower said. "You're the king. Everyone respects you." They were tough, private words, hard to take, but they found their target. "Danny gave me what I couldn't give to myself," Gregg reflected in retirement.

I have no doubt that Blanchflower was the most intelligent and influential captain, among his colleagues, in the history of his game: far beyond the great figurehead England captains such as Cullis, Wright and Bobby Moore. No British club captain has exercised such understanding of either the game or of players. It was no surprise that Bill Nicholson vainly attempted, Liverpool-fashion, to make Blanchflower his successor as manager in 1974.

On one occasion, Peter McParland, the goalscoring left winger for Aston Villa in the 1957 FA Cup Final and subsequently spectacular scorer in the World Cup, was lying injured at Windsor Park, Belfast.

It used to be common parlance that wingers are not fashioned upon the anvil of the game. McParland received the attentions of the sponge-man. Blanchflower patted him encouragingly on the shoulder. "Just go out on the wing, for a rest," he quipped. McParland quickly forgot his pain.

Signed by Arthur Rowe from Villa in 1954 to replace Nicholson at right half in Tottenham's now fading league championship-winning team, Blanchflower was made captain by Jimmy Anderson, Rowe's successor. He was the first, a revolutionary at the time, to change players' positions during a match. Losing 3-1 to York City in the FA Cup sixth round, he sent Maurice Norman from centre half into attack. Tottenham drew and won the replay. He did the same against Manchester City in the semi-final. Tottenham lost 1-0: the the club's directors were furious.

Captaining a Great Britain XI against Europe at Windsor Park, Blanchflower switched John Charles from centre half to centre forward when 2-1 down. Europe scored twice more. Walter Winterbottom, the England manager who was in charge of the Britain team, complained bitterly back at the dressing-room. Blanchflower responded: "What does it matter whether we lose by one goal or three? We were doing something positive."

He defended his authority to act at Tottenham and did so again, pushing forward Tony Marchi when Tottenham were threatened with relegation in 1956. Anderson dropped him. After being voted footballer of the year in 1958, Nicholson, now manager, restored him as captain the next season. Blanchflower was already privately predicting that they could win the Double with such players as Mackay, White, Cliff Jones and Medwin.

"He had imagination," Nicholson recalled. He perceived what was happening in a game and provided answers. He was an able captain because he could communicate so well."

Typically, Blanchflower was a supporter of Jimmy Greaves's attacking tactical freedom. When White, arch creator, moaned during a match against Burnley that Greaves was doing no work in midfield, Blanchflower retorted: "When you score 30 goals a season, you can go and stand up there with him."

In a pre-match talk before playing England, Peter Doherty, the Northern Ireland manager, told Bertie Peacock, the Celtic wing half, to stick close to Greaves. "Don't bother," Blanchflower said. "Jimmy will still score. Every Saturday some wing half tries to stop him and fails. You're better doing your own constructive thing for us." Northern Ireland drew.

Blanchflower was innovative, positive, always fair. "He never kicked anyone," Gregg recalled, "and he always wanted the ball. He never hid." When Doherty once advocated to Northern Ireland defenders bringing down an opponent as a last resort, Blanchflower was indignant. "That's a sin," he insisted, "you have to play by the rules."

When Northern Ireland memorably beat England 3-2 at Wembley in 1957, Winterbottom, interviewed afterwards, said he thought that Ireland had been lucky. Blanchflower, standing with him, quipped: "If that's luck, I'd rather be a lucky team than a good team."

Blanchflower's upbeat team talks were something special. Going with Doherty to watch the former West Germany, the defending world champions, before the Northern Ireland match against them in 1958, they were both in awe. "A great team," Doherty said afterwards.

"Right," Blanchflower said, "when we get back to the camp, we just say they can't play." With Blanchflower, Jimmy McIlroy and Peacock supreme in midfield, Northern Ireland drew 2-2 and went on to reach the quarter-finals.

When Tottenham's Double team, plus Greaves, became the first English club to reach a European final, the Cup Winners' Cup against Atlético Madrid in 1963, Nicholson's pep talk was sombre. Characteristically, he warned his men of Atlético's many attributes. When he had finished, Blanchflower, now 37 and only a few weeks back from a cartilage operation, swept aside the pessimism.

"If their centre half is big and ugly, then ours," — and he glanced at Norman, then the England centre half — "is even bigger and uglier." And so on, right through the Tottenham team, making them laugh, lifting their confidence. Tottenham won triumphantly.

Blanchflower was everyone's mentor: mine as a young journalist. He believed, above all, that the game is first about glory, much more than winning. It is a precious philosophy, long abandoned.

Against Poland in a World Cup tie, Blanchflower contrived something never seen before or since. In the event of a penalty, which they did get, McIlroy was to tap the ball sideways and Blanchflower would then dribble round the goalkeeper. This they did: An astonished referee unnecessarily made them take it again, McIlroy scoring. It personified Blanchflower's unique thinking.

> 'He was always fair. He never hid'

Blanchflower lifts the FA Cup after Tottenham's win over Leicester in their Double season

TOMORROW

John Woodcock makes his choice of the best leader to step onto a cricket pitch

IN BRIEF

Morrison inspires N Zealand recovery

NEW Zealand forced a tie in their match against Sri Lanka, the world champions, in the Singer Champions' Trophy cricket tournament in Sharjah yesterday.

In the 48th over, with Sri Lanka needing one run to win with two wickets in hand, Danny Morrison bowled Sajeeva de Silva with this third ball and then had Muttiah Muralitharan caught by Stephen Fleming in the slips off his last ball.

The tie — both teams scored 169 — was a tribute to the compelling comeback of New Zealand, for whom Morrison finished with five for 34 after Arjuna Ranatunga had pulled Sri Lanka round, from 98 for six, with a patient 34.

Herbert boost

Motor racing: Johnny Herbert is unlikely to be a team-mate of Michael Schumacher again but he will be driving a car powered by Ferrari next season, it emerged yesterday (Oliver Holt writes). The Swiss Sauber team, who have confirmed that Herbert will remain with them next season, announced yesterday that they have reached an engine-supply agreement with the Italians.

Ferrari has provided engines to other teams before but this time the project will be reinforced by the presence of Osamu Goto, the former Honda engineering leader, who has overseen the development of Ferrari's switch from a V12 to a V10 engine.

Thrilling play

Rugby union: New Zealand opened their defence of the World Rugby Classic in Bermuda on Sunday with a thrilling exhibition of 15-man rugby, defeating a committed but outclassed Argentina XV 60-10. The second game of an opening double bill at National Sports Stadium, South Africa versus the United States, was rescheduled because travel problems delayed the arrival of the South African team.

Policy change

Athletics: Britain's marathon-selectors have bowed to pressure and changed their policy for the world championships next year. The Flora London Marathon next April will now be used as a trial race and selection will be guaranteed to the first British man and woman not already chosen for the championships in Athens.

Duo honoured

Rowing: Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent were the first oarsmen to be recognised by the Rowing Hall of Fame, which was launched by the River and Rowing Museum Foundation yesterday to acknowledge outstanding contributors to rowing.

True Blue mutiny, page 17

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

This hand led to a big swing when an imaginative lead scored heavily against the more pedestrian one found at the other table.

Dealer North **North-South game** **IMPs**

North:
♠ A K J 9 3
♥ K 8 6 4
♦ A Q
♣ K Q

West:
♠ Q 8 6 5 4
♥ 5
♦ K 9 8 7
♣ A 8 7

East:
♠ 2
♥ 10 2
♦ 10 6 4 3 2
♣ J 10 9 6 4

South:
♠ 10 7
♥ A Q J 9 7 3
♦ J 5
♣ 5 3 2

W	N	E	S
—	2 S	Pass	3 H
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 D
Pass	6 H	All pass	

Contract: Six Hearts by South. Lead: five of spades

I think it is better to open Two Clubs or 2 NT on the North hand. After the spade lead declarer put up dummy's ace, drew trumps, and led a second spade to the king. When he saw that no long spade could be established he had to fall back on the diamond finesse and this gave him the slam. It all looked perfectly routine but at the other table, after exactly the same bidding, West led the nine of diamonds. Not knowing that the spades were breaking 5-1, declarer put up the ace of diamonds, drew just one round of trumps with the ace (he would have needed three entries to dummy to enjoy a long spade if the suit had broken 4-2), and played off two top spades. East ruffed and South was two down.

There was a sound reason for the diamond lead. West knew that one of the main suits, spades, was going to break badly for declarer. That made it a good policy to present South with an early decision in diamonds. It was certain that he would refuse the finesse if all he needed was a reasonable break in another suit.

☐ The Seniors Congress was held in Coventry over the weekend.

RESULTS: Saga pairs: 1, J Alper and U Jacobson, 2, G Faulkner and K Stanley, 3, G Stemford and P Chavannaz. Swiss pairs: 1, D Griffiths and T Odams. Swiss teams: 1, I Monachan, B Rowlands, M Hurst and B Goldenfield

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess correspondent

Reading chess moves

As more and more readers turn to *The Times*, I have decided to review the method by which the games and chess puzzles in this column can be read. The system we use is simplified modern notation and it is very easy to learn. Readers who are comparatively new to the game, or who have only learned the older "English Descriptive" notation, will find what follows helpful.

In writing down the moves, each piece is represented by a letter as follows except for the pawns where no special symbol is used.

Knight = N: Bishop = B
Rook = R: Queen = Q: King = K

The squares on the chessboard are described by co-ordinates, consisting of a letter followed by a number (see diagram). For instance in the final position of the game, White's king is on the square called "g1". This follows exactly the same principle as reading a reference on an A-Z street guide or road map. Everybody can pick this up easily.

Whenever a piece moves, the initial letter of that piece appears at the start of the move. For example, White's fourth move in the following game shows that a knight (N) moves to the square d2. When a pawn moves, only the square on which it arrives, when the move is completed, is mentioned. A perfect example is White's first move 1 d4 (white pawn goes to d4) in the game which follows and Black's second move 2 ... e5 (black pawn goes to e5). Captures are denoted by an "x". Thus White's third move in the game, 3 dxe5, shows that White's pawn on the d-file captures on e5. Note that check is always denoted by a "+".

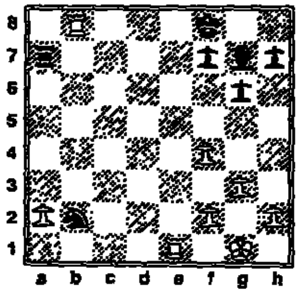
The following win by Alekhine demonstrates the principles of simplified modern notation perfectly, but an important point to note is White's possibility of the en passant capture on move 24. Although Black's pawn on b7 moves directly to b5, White can, on the next move only, avail himself of the opportunity to capture on b6. This Alekhine promptly does.

White: Alexander Alekhine
Black: Savielly Tartakower
London 1932

Budapest Counter-Gambit

	White	Black
1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e5
3	dxe5	Ne4
4	Nd2	Nc5
5	Ngf3	Nc6
6	g3	Qe7
7	Bg2	g6
8	Nb1	Nxe5
9	0-0	Nxf3+
10	exf3	Bg7
11	Re1	Ne6
12	Nc3	0-0
13	Nd5	Qd8
14	f4	c6
15	Nc3	d6
16	Be3	Qc7
17	Rc1	Bd7
18	Qd2	Rad8

Diagram of final position



	White	Black
19	Red1	Bc8
20	Ne4	Nc5
21	Nxd6	Na4
22	c5	Nxb2
23	Re1	b5
24	cxb6	Qxd6
25	Qxd6	Rxd6
26	bxa7	Bb7
27	Bc5	Rdd8
28	Bxf8	Kxf8
29	Bxc6	Bxc6
30	Rxc6	Ra8
31	Rb6	Rxa7
32	Rb8	checkmate

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ICE HOCKEY

Sparks fly in Steelers clash

By Norman de Mesquita

THE unacceptable face of ice hockey was seen in Sheffield on Sunday when the Steelers and Basingstoke Bison met in a game that featured a brawl, six ejections, including both goaltenders, and a total of 178 minutes in penalties.

The teams still found time to play some hockey, though, and the Steelers won 7-4, with Ken Priestlay and Nicky Chinn each scoring twice. Their victory followed a 4-2 away win over Bracknell Bees and enabled the Steelers to hold on to second place in the Superleague, a point behind Cardiff Devils.

The Devils had a remarkable weekend, beating Basingstoke and Bracknell without conceding a goal. Frank Caprice shut out the Bison while Stevie Lyle saved all 27 of Bracknell's shots. Newcastle Cobras won both of their weekend games to stay in joint second with the Steelers.

Nottingham Panthers issued a statement yesterday making it clear that the club is unhappy about the length of suspension dealt out to Marty Yewchuk, of Cardiff, after an incident in a recent game in Nottingham in which the Panthers player, Darryl Olsen, was injured.

Yewchuk was originally suspended for nine games but, after an appeal, that was extended to the end of the year — the equivalent of 22 games. Cardiff's lawyers found this broke Superleague rules and the suspension has been reduced back to nine games.

A Panthers spokesman said: "We are faced with the prospect of Yuchuck playing against us this weekend with neither the league, and certainly not his club, imposing anything like what we would regard as a fair and proper penalty for such an ugly and vicious attack."

David Temme, who is chairman of the Superleague and also chairman of Cardiff Devils, said: "Under the rules of the Superleague, nine games is the maximum allowed."

In Sheffield this evening, Great Britain continue their attempt to qualify for the 1998 winter Olympics against Slovenia, whom they beat 5-4 last January. With eight points from five games, Britain are second in their group to Switzerland with games to come against the leaders (at home) and Holland (away).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Coca-Cola Cup
Third-round replays
Lincoln v Southampton (7.45)
Luton v Wimbledon (7.45)

Nationwide League
First division
Barnsley v Norwich (7.45)

Second division
Shrewsbury v Bristol Rovers

Bell's Scottish League
First division
St Johnstone v East Fife (7.45)

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Sudbury Tn v Worcester City. Midland division: Tamworth v Rothwell. Southern division: Clevedon v Trowbridge. Cup: First round, second leg: Cheltenham (1) v Newport AFC (2).

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Boreham Wood v Yeovil (7.45); Hendon v Oxford City (7.45), Heybridge v Staines; Kingstonian v Grays. First division: Walton and Hersham v Basingstoke. Second division: Bedford T v Leatherhead; Leighton v Bracknell.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow v Marine; Colwyn Bay v Chorley; Frickley v Blyth Spartans (7.45); Gainsborough v Alfreton; Guiseley v Buxton; Runcorn v Winsford; Witton v Knowsley. Cup: Second round: Lancaster v Accrington Stanley. Unifilla first division Cup: First round: Eastwood Town v Harrogate Town; Flixton v Droylsden; Netherfield v Gretna; Stocksbridge PS v Matlock Town; Workington v Whitley Bay.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Millwall v Arsenal (2.0); West Ham v Brighton (at Dagenham and Redbridge FC, 2.0).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Birmingham v Everton (at Hednesford Town FC, 7.15); Oldham v Derby (at Stalybridge Celtic FC, 7.0). Second division: Rotherham v Mansfield (7.0); Stockport v Bradford (6.45)

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridgwater v Barnstaple

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: O'Brien/McKenzie Butchers premier division Cup: Arlesey Town v Brache Sparta; Harpenden v Royston; Langford v Toddington.

SUN LIFE GOLD CUP: Final: Linfield v Glenavon (at Oval)

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton Collieries v Burscough; Eastwood H v Rossendale; Mossley v Bootle

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Stansted v East Ham

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hadleigh U v Warboys; March v Fakenham; Newmarket v Bury Town; Sudbury v Lowestoft; Tiptree v Felixstowe P and T; Woodbridge v Harwich and Parkeston.

UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cogenhoe v Stamford; Ford Sports v Northampton Spencer; Long Buckby v Wellingborough; Mirrlees Blackstone v Holbeach. Cup: First round: Desborough v Bugbrooke; St Neots v Whitworths.

FA UMBRO TROPHY: Second round replays: Worksop v Farsley Celtic; Yeading v Chertsey; Tooting and Mitcham v Dartford.

SCHOOLS MATCH: English Schools Full Trophy: Third round: Bristol v Newport (at Yate Town FC).

RUGBY UNION

International match
Ireland v Western Samoa
(at Lansdowne Road, 7.30)

A international match
Ireland v South Africa
(at Donnybrook, 2.30)

Club match
Oxford University v Northampton (7.15)

OTHER SPORT

ICE HOCKEY: Olympic qualifier: Great Britain v Slovenia (at Sheffield, 7.30)

TABLE TENNIS: European Women's League: England v Croatia (at Bridgnorth).

TENNIS: Guardian Direct national championships (at Telford)

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday November 16
Coupon No, fixture, forecast

FA PREMIERSHIP	
1 A Villa v Leicester	1
2 Blackburn v Chelsea	X
3 Everton v South'pton	X
4 Leeds v Liverpool	X
5 Man Utd v Arsenal	X
6 Newcastle v West Ham	1
7 Tottenham v Sunderland	1
8 Wimbledon v Coventry	1
FIRST DIVISION	
9 Bolton v C Palace	1
10 Bradford v Ipswich	1
11 Grimsby v Stoke	2
12 Norwich v Reading	1
13 Oxford v Hudd'field	X
14 P Vale v Sheff Utd	2
15 Portsmouth v Man City	1
16 QPR v Charlton	2
17 Southend v W Brom	1
18 Swindon v Barnsley	1
FA CUP FIRST ROUND	
19 Ashford v Dag'ham & R	2
20 Blackpool v Wigan	2
21 Boreham W v Rushden	X
22 Brentford v Bourn'm'th	1
23 Bristol R v Exeter	1
24 Bromley v Enfield	2
25 Burnley v Lincoln	1
26 Chest'f'd v Bury	2
27 Colchester v Wycombe	X
28 Farnboro v Barnet	2
29 Gillingham v Hereford	1
30 Hartlepool v York	X
31 Macclesf'ld v Rochdale	1
32 Northwich v Walsall	2
33 Plymouth v Fulham	1
34 Runcorn v Darlington	2
35 Scunth'pe v Rotherham	2
36 Shrewsbury v Scarboro	X
37 Stevenage v Hayes	1
38 Stockport v Doncaster	1
39 Swansea v Bristol C	1
40 Torquay v Luton	2
SCOTTISH PREMIER	
41 Aberdeen v Dundee U	1
42 Hearts v Hibernian	1
43 Kilmarn'k v Motherwell	1
44 Raith v Dunf'mline	X
SCOTTISH FIRST	
45 Airdrie v Falkirk	2
46 Clydebank v Partick	X
47 Dundee v St Johnst'ne	1
48 St Mirren v G Morton	1
49 Stirling v E Fife	2

DRAWS (home teams): Blackburn, Everton, Leeds, Manchester United, Boreham Wood, Colchester, Hartlepool, Shrewsbury, Raith, Clydebank.
BEST DRAWS: Blackburn, Everton, Colchester, Raith, Clydebank.
AWAYS: Stoke, Wigan, Enfield, Darlington, Rotherham.
HOMES: Tottenham, Wimbledon, Norwich, Southend, Bristol Rovers, Gillingham, Macclesfield, Plymouth, Stevenage, Stockport
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Tottenham, Norwich, Southend, Macclesfield, Plymouth. Aways: Stoke, Darlington, Rotherham. Draws: Blackburn, Everton, Colchester.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

GRAMINIVOROUS
a. Huge, mighty
b. Sarcastic
c. Grass-eating

STEGOPHILIST
a. A collector of beermats
b. A nudist
c. A climber of buildings

DEFENESTRATION
a. Breaking windows
b. Breaking wind
c. Throwing from a great height

SUGGILATE
a. To tempt
b. To lambast
c. An ecclesiastical substitute

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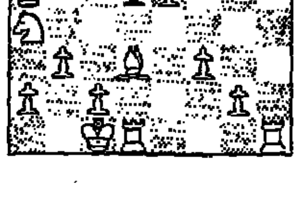
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Bellini — Raber, Geneva 1996. The black kingside is extremely short of defensive units. How can White cash in?



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RUGBY UNION

McGeechan calls for united front from the unions

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

IAN McGEECHAN, the coach to the British Isles party that will tour South Africa next summer, called yesterday for the governing bodies in the home unions to put aside their differences and work towards a feasible European structure for the 1997-98 season. "Surely we can plan a season where everyone — clubs, players and unions — can benefit," McGeechan said.

Normally the most phlegmatic of men, McGeechan admitted he was angered by the events of last week, which affected players at Northampton, where he is director of rugby. Nor was his anger mollified by the dramatic 9-6 win over the league champions, Bath, at the weekend. His ire is directed at the England management's casual treatment of the Northampton half backs, Matt Dawson and Paul Grayson, and the demands of the Ireland team management in advance of the international against Western Samoa at Lansdowne Road this evening.

"We try to make players capable of appearing at international level and the least England can do is use them in a constructive way and not leave us to pick the pieces up," McGeechan said. Dawson and Grayson, the England half backs last season in a championship-winning side, discovered they were not required against Italy on November 23 shortly before the match squad was formally announced.

McGeechan's primary concern, however, is to avoid clashes of interest in which key players are missing for significant league games. January 18 will be a case in point, as a full league programme in England has been scheduled on the first weekend of the five nations' championship. Yet it is possible to envisage a situation in which 15 Irishmen, nine Scots and three Welshmen, all from English clubs, will be required for championship matches, never mind A internationals, which may be played the same weekend.

McGeechan: dissatisfied

"You don't have a situation in New Zealand where Zinzan Brooke has to consider whether he plays for Auckland or the All Blacks and we shouldn't have it here," McGeechan said. "But we have, with competitions organised by the unions, not by the clubs. Nor was there much sensitivity shown in the handling of the problem, which suggests the unions do not have much feel for the demands of the professional game.

"The five nations have to establish a joint policy on fixtures; on refereeing; on substitutes, of which there is no sign at the moment. This has to be a partnership between unions and clubs. The unions seem to want to take and not give anything. They must show some understanding of what it takes to run a successful club or provincial side."

The results of Ireland's lengthy preparations will be seen today, both in the senior international and the A international against South Africa at Donnybrook. The squad has been together since last Thursday and though Ireland did not train for the game with the Samoans yesterday, their supporters will hope that successive days of intense physical work will not have taken too much out of them.

It will be a demanding match, 11 days ahead of the meeting with Australia. Murray Kidd, the Ireland coach, watched the Samoans' opening match against Saracens and will have warned his players of the potential of the touring team's back division, reinforced now by Va'aiga Tuigamala and organised from stand-off half by Earl Va'a, a recruit last August from rugby league.

IRELAND: S J P Mason (Richmond); R M Wallace (Saracens), R A J Henderson (London Irish), J C Bell (Northampton), J A Topping (Ballymena); D G Humphreys (London Irish), N A Hogan (Oxford University, captain), H D Hurley (Moseley), A T H Clarke (Northampton), P S Wallace (Saracens); S D Corkery (Bristol), G M Fulcher (London Irish), J W Davidson (London Irish), W D McBride (Malone), P S Johns (Saracens)

WESTERN SAMOA: V Patu (Vaiala); A So'oalo (Marist-St Joseph's), T Vaega (Te Atatu), G Leaupepe (Papatoetoe), V Tuigamala (Wasps); E Va'a (Wellington), J Filemu (Wellington); B Reidy (Marist-St Pat's), T Leiasamaivao (Avalon), A Le'uu (Otahuhu), S Ta'ala (Wellington), P Leavasa (Apia), M Birtwistle (Suburbs), I Feaunati (Marist-St Pat's), P Lam (Marist, captain).

Referee: S Borsani (Argentina).

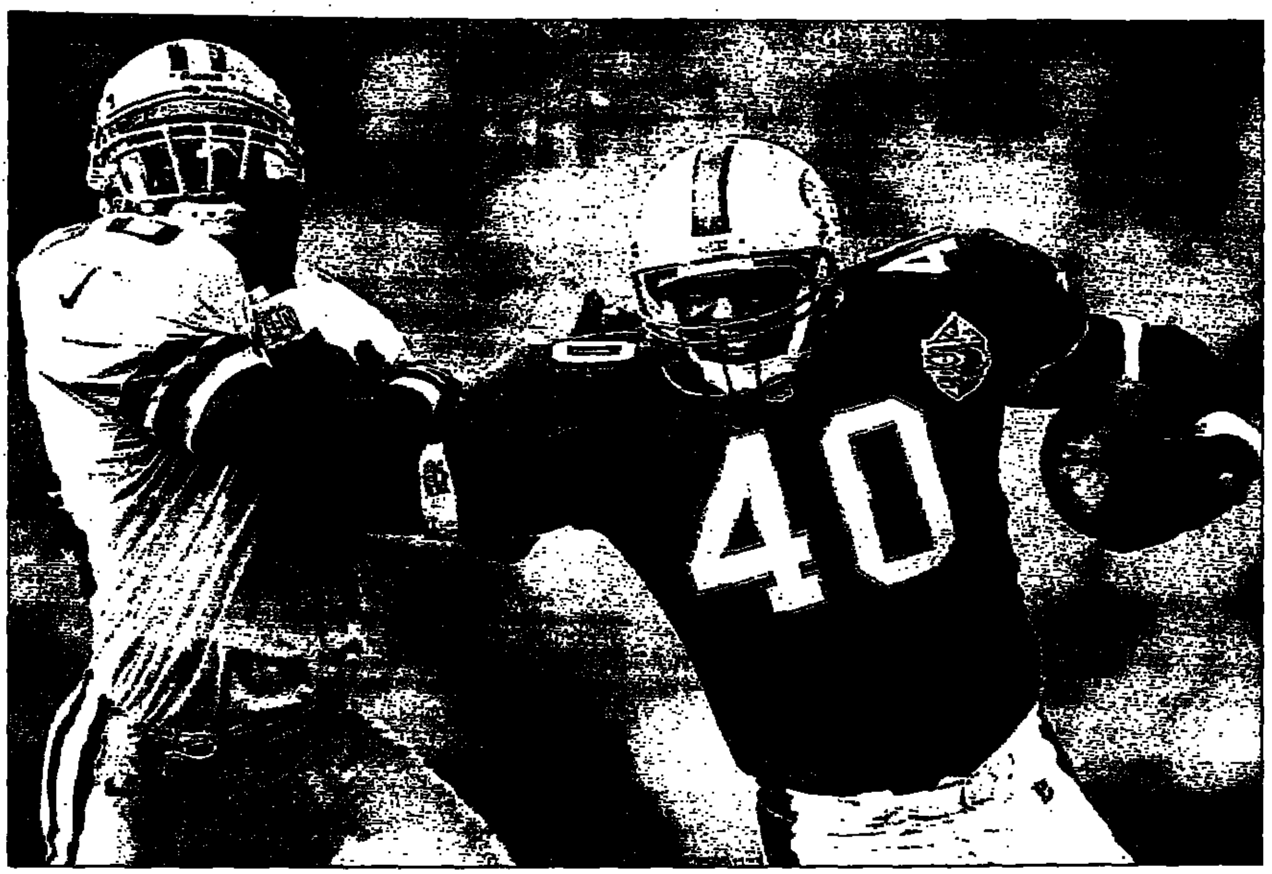
Lucking's move north proves no barrier

NOW that the senior England party has been named — the squad to play Italy meets at Bisham Abbey for training tomorrow — the management has turned its thoughts to the intensive programme of A matches scheduled for mid-December (David Hands writes). Three games in four days, against Argentina, South Africa and Queensland, should ensure places for most of the 40 players who will also assemble at Bisham tomorrow.

Among the dozen players who are new to the national squad is Andrew Lucking, the 6ft 6in student who has locked the Edinburgh scrum in the Heineken Cup this season.

Lucking plays club rugby for Currie, which at least reverses a trend of England-based players heading north across the border to play for Scotland.

ENGLAND A SQUAD: C Catling (Gloucester), N Beal (Northampton), J Mallinder (Sale); J Fallon (Richmond), T Underwood (Newcastle), D Luger (Harlequins), S Bromley (Harlequins); N Greenstock (Wasps), W Greenwood (Leicester), J Baxendell (Sale), A Blyth (Newcastle), F Waters (Bristol); P Grayson (Northampton), R Liley (Leicester); M Mapletoft (Gloucester); M Dawson (Northampton), A Healey (Leicester), N Walshe (Harlequins); M Volland (Northampton), D Garforth (Leicester), K Yates (Bath), J Mallett (Bath), W Green (Wasps), N McCarthy (Bath), S Mitchell (Wasps), G Adams (Bath), G Archer (Newcastle), D Sims (Gloucester), D Grewcock (Coventry), R West (Richmond), A Lucking (Currie), J Fowler (Sale); M Corry (Bristol), R Hill (Saracens), A Diprose (Saracens), W Davison (Harlequins), S Ojomoh (Bath), P Scrivener (Wasps), G Allison (Harlequins), R Jenkins (Harlequins).



William Floyd, of the 49ers, fends off George Teague, of Dallas Cowboys, in San Francisco. The Cowboys won 20-17

Elway's rebirth helping Broncos to buck their downward trend

By Oliver Holt

IN THE United States they love stories about true grit and old-timers in search of the one big prize that has eluded them. From Paul Newman and his pursuit of an Oscar to Joe Torre, the coach of New York Yankees, and his tilt at the baseball world series, the melodrama of it all is a guaranteed winner.

John Elway may not be in quite the same age bracket but, sure enough, people are beginning to get excited about him too. The writers are already labelling it The Second Coming, and Elway, so tall and blond he could have stepped out of one of those sepia-tinted collector's cards from the 1950s, is doing his best to oblige.

The Denver Broncos team that he leads won the ninth of their ten games this season on Sunday and are slowly emerging as Super Bowl favourites.

That is partly because Green Bay Packers, who lost 27-20 to Kansas City Chiefs, have been weakened by the loss of Robert Brooks and other key receivers and partly because Dallas Cowboys, who sneaked a 20-17 win over their arch-rivals, San Francisco 49ers, are not the team they were last year.

The reputation of the Broncos, who have failed to make the play-offs in three of the past four seasons, has been built on the renaissance of the man who has always been their heart and soul, a revival that has been reinforced by the rushing of Terrell Davis and the influence of a new coach, Mike Shanahan.

Elway, 36, led the Broncos to three Super Bowls in the 1980s but each ended in defeat and, as Denver's mantle as the nearly men was assumed by Buffalo Bills, he and his teammates faded into the background. Earlier this season, after the Broncos' sole defeat against the Chiefs, the knives came out for the quarterback and there were calls for him to be replaced by a younger man.

Even Elway himself began to believe the criticism. "It's almost like I was brainwashed," he said. "When all you hear and talk about is how old you are, it starts to sink into your mind. For a while, I was believing what everybody was writing, that I was old and couldn't move any more.

"Then, one day a couple of months ago, I just decided to say: 'To hell with it, I'm tired of worrying about it. I'm going to run around if I need to and if it doesn't work, fine.' It was an awesome decision. I probably should have done it a heck of a lot earlier."

The Broncos' 17-12 win over Chicago Bears on Sunday left them with the best record in the National Football League. Elway, who has missed only eight starts because of injury in a 14-year career, threw one touchdown pass and Davis ran for another score to give Denver their sixth successive victory.

The Cowboys, who were aided by the forced removal of Steve Young the 49ers' quarterback, for the second game running because of concussion, rescued their season with their narrow overtime win in San Francisco. "We were desperate. We had to win, and now we are back in the race," Troy Aikman, the Cowboys' quarterback, said.

Atlanta Falcons appear to be entering a race all of their own, notwithstanding the deficiencies of New York Jets. Both teams have lost nine of their ten games but, while the Jets, who lost narrowly to New England Patriots, appear to be improving and are waiting for key players to return, the Falcons are sinking ever deeper after a 59-16 pummelling by St Louis Rams.

NFL DETAILS

RESULTS: Cincinnati 34 Pittsburgh 24; Kansas City 27 Green Bay 20; Miami 37 Indianapolis 13; New Orleans 14 Houston 31; New York Jets 27 New England 31; Philadelphia 17 Buffalo 24; St Louis 59 Atlanta 16; Tampa Bay 20 Oakland 17 (OT); Washington 34 Arizona 37 (OT); Denver 17 Chicago 12; Jacksonville 30 Baltimore 27; Seattle 42 Minnesota 23; San Francisco 17 Dallas 20 (OT); Carolina 27 New York Giants 17.

American Conference

Eastern division	W	L	PF	PA
New England	7	3	275	215
Buffalo	7	3	191	175
Miami	5	5	238	205
Indianapolis	5	5	172	208
NY Jets	1	9	172	264
Central division				
Pittsburgh	7	3	230	160
Houston	6	4	230	190
Cincinnati	4	6	214	226
Jacksonville	4	6	202	208
Baltimore	3	7	244	286
Western division				
Denver	9	1	262	167
Kansas City	7	3	206	168
San Diego	5	4	198	218
Seattle	5	5	206	239
Oakland	4	6	217	190

National Conference

Eastern division	W	L	PF	PA
Philadelphia	7	3	228	203
Washington	7	3	239	190
Dallas	6	4	208	165
Arizona	4	6	164	238
NY Giants	4	6	157	189
Central division				
Green Bay	8	2	288	144
Minnesota	5	5	169	194
Detroit	4	5	187	187
Chicago	4	6	144	192
Tampa Bay	2	8	115	185
Western division				
San Francisco	7	3	234	152
Carolina	6	4	217	148
St Louis	3	7	201	280
New Orleans	2	8	152	235
Atlanta	1	9	176	303

(Not including last night's match San Diego v Detroit)

FIXTURES: Sunday: Atlanta v New Orleans, Buffalo v Cincinnati, Detroit v Seattle; Indianapolis v New York Jets, Kansas City v Chicago; New England v Denver; Philadelphia v Washington; Pittsburgh v Jacksonville; St Louis v Carolina; Arizona v New York Giants, Houston v Miami, San Diego v Tampa Bay, San Francisco v Baltimore, Oakland v Minnesota. Monday: Dallas v Green Bay

BOWLS

Scots head group in triple treat for Asia

From David Rhys Jones in Hong Kong

THE opening, last year, of the first indoor bowls stadium in Asia has revolutionised bowling in Hong Kong, where outdoor bowls — on grass of sorts — has been played since 1908, and the outdoor International Classic has been staged for 13 years.

Yesterday saw the launch of Asia's first international lawn bowls event to be played not on grass but on carpet, when the Hong Kong International indoor triples tournament got underway at the Hong Kong Football Club.

The Happy Valley racecourse was extended last year, depriving the football club of its bowling green. In compensation, a new outdoor green has been laid within the perimeter of the track, and an indoor stadium of a quality exceeding anything existing in Europe has been erected, courtesy of the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Pairs from 11 countries were joined by amateur members of the local club to form pro-am triples. The Scots, who kick-started bowls in Hong Kong 90 years ago, and the Australians led their respective groups, and looked likely to qualify for the semi-finals tomorrow.

Scotland won three games out of three yesterday and can afford to slip up today. Australia, though, who won two out of three, will be hard-pressed by England, Ireland, and a local club triple that includes Hong Kong's exuberant Tony Tong, who has qualified for the world indoor singles championship at Preston in January.

The move indoors has taken the New Zealand pair by surprise. Andy Curtain and David File, who did well on heavy greens in the pairs last week, were thought to have an advantage on the faster indoor surface, which resembles more closely the grass of home. They lost all three matches, however, and are virtually out of the hunt.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleveland 101 Denver 86. LA Clippers 81 Minnesota 70; Vancouver 82 New York 101. LA Lakers 92 Atlanta 85; Portland 94 San Antonio 81

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Newcastle 113 Chester 103

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield	11	9	2	959	794	18
Leopards	10	8	2	968	871	16
Chester	10	7	3	891	856	14
Leicester	8	6	2	699	634	12
London	9	6	3	805	681	12
Newcastle	8	6	2	745	716	12
Birmingham	9	5	4	722	704	10
Manchester	8	5	3	647	612	13
Derby	11	4	7	986	1052	8
Thames Valley	11	3	8	1015	1051	6
Crystal Palace	11	2	9	806	925	4
Worthing	10	2	8	804	889	4
Hemel and W.	10	0	10	842	1104	0

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Oxford 84 Cardiff 61. Stockton 109 Nottingham 77 Ware 93 Plymouth 89. Second division: Acton 78 Slough 89. South Bank 80 Northampton 73

BOWLS

KOWLOON: Hong Kong international indoor triples tournament: First round: Group A: Scotland (A Wao, K Logan, A Marshall) bt New Zealand (L Lee, A Curtain, D File) 15-11. Wales (P Chan, R Price, D Wilson) bt Hong Kong (G Chan, W McMahon, N Kennedy) 24-11. Zimbabwe (A Matheson, W Cumming, R Hayden) bt Malaysia (N Sabli, P Boards, S Sani) 24-7. Group B: Australia (G Knowles, A Waddell, J Noonan) bt England (K T Wong, A Wills, S Amey) 16-13. Hong Kong FC (B Porteous, T Tong, R Chan) bt Channel Islands (G Stacey, G Pilchou, D Le Marquand) 19-12. South Africa (P Foster, G Baker, N Burkett) bt Ireland (G Graham, J Henry, N Graham) 15-8. Second round: Group A: Scotland bt Wales 18-13, Zimbabwe bt New Zealand 20-10. Hong Kong bt Malaysia 22-10. Group B: Australia bt Channel Islands 22-7; Ireland bt Hong Kong FC 19-13; England bt South Africa 16-9. Third round: Group A: Scotland bt Malaysia 18-8; Wales bt New Zealand 28-5. Hong Kong bt Zimbabwe 13-3. Group B: England bt Channel Islands 16-10. Ireland bt Australia 16-14. HKFC bt South Africa 17-14

DENNY CUP: Third round: Leicester 85 Desborough 76. Avon Valley 86 Birmingham 56. Kingsthorpe 105 Kettering 46. Brackley 85 Banbury 60. Bristol 87 Cotswold 62. Pardowell 61 Northavon 79; Clarence Dunbar 88 Bromsgrove 74; Moorfleet 74 British Cellophane 20. Ilminster 68 Victoria 69. Eronia 65 Bodmin 94. North Devon 47 Tregonbridge 108. Plymouth 85 Caradon 74; Daerch 42 Newquay 121; Richmond 58 Dee Valley 76; Hounslow 64 Cambridge Park 82. Elmbridge 75 London Vale 78; Rushmoor 79 Mansfield 83. Deangate Ridge 65 Croydon 112. Dartford St 63 Prince Arthur 63. Mole Valley 38 Cyphers 124. Preston 80 Palace 71; Folkestone 98 Eastbourne 71; Egerton Park 70 Royal Tunbridge Wells 73; Angel 83 King Alfred 72. Havant 62 Worthing Pavilion 88; Atherley 79 Bournemouth 67. Banister Park 89 Five Rivers 81. Isle of Wight 53 East Dorset 86. Cumbria 'XI' Copeland 65 Stanley 85 Newcastle 72 Sunderland 100 Gateshead 61 Darlington 83 Great Aycliffe 61. Saltburn 71 Hartlepool 107; Blackpool Borough 93 Sway 82 North Cave 59 York 118. Saxton 78 Richardson 74; Hull 95 Blackpool NM 90. Sealord 61 South Forest 79; Gedling 71 Nottingham 96 Grantham 67 Lincoln 75

CIS INSURANCE NATIONAL PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS: Quarter-finals: Edinburgh (N Conde and W Galloway) 23 Aberdeen (A Mains and M Mearns) 19. Tarff (M Brandon and M Stephen) 17 Perth (D Wilson and S Dow) 12; Lochwinnoch (J D Sutton and C Wood) 30 Prestwick (I and D Scotland) 3. West of Scotland (G and A Lorn) 22 East Kilbride (J and J G Jackson) 14

CRICKET

COCHIN, India: Tour match (second day of three): South Africans 263 (R Ananth 4-72) and 23-1; Karnataka 115 (L Klusener 5-38, A A Donald 4-38)

Singer Champions' Trophy
New Zealand v Sri Lanka

SHARJAH (New Zealand won toss): New Zealand tied with Sri Lanka

NEW ZEALAND

C M Spearman c Mahanama b S C de Silva	2
N J Astle c Mahanama b Muralitharan	65
A C Parore c Kaluwitharana b S C de Silva	0
S P Fleming b S C de Silva	13
C L Cairns run out	11
M J Greatbatch c Vaas b P A de Silva	35
C Z Harris st Kaluwitharana b P A de Silva	13
†L K Germon not out	11
D N Patel run out	3
S B Doull not out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 4, w 8)	15
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	169

D K Morrison did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-8, 3-29, 4-61, 5-136, 6-144, 7-160, 8-167

BOWLING: Vaas 10-1-25-0; S C de Silva 8-2-18-3; Muralitharan 10-2-22-1; Ranatunga 2-0-20-0; Chandana 4-0-17-0; Jayasuriya 9-0-32-0; P A de Silva 7-0-28-2.

SRI LANKA

S T Jayasuriya run out	53
†R S Kaluwitharana c Germon b Morrison	0
M S Atapattu c and b Morrison	16
P A de Silva b Doull	1
H P Tillekeratne c Germon b Cairns	22
*A Ranatunga c Germon b Morrison	34
R S Mahanama lbw b Cairns	0
U U Chandana c Germon b Astle	14
W P U J C Vaas not out	17
S C de Silva b Morrison	0
M Muralitharan c Fleming b Morrison	0
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 4, nb 2)	12
Total (48 overs)	169

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-31, 3-39, 4-82, 5-98, 6-98, 7-140, 8-159, 9-169.

BOWLING: Morrison 10-0-34-5; Doull 9-2-37-1; Cairns 10-1-44-2; Harris 10-1-24-0; Patel 6-0-16-0; Astle 3-0-8-1.

Man of the match: D K Morrison.

Umpires: I T Robinson (Zimbabwe) and G Sharp (Eng).

	P	W	L	T	Pts
Sri Lanka	3	1	1	1	3
New Zealand	3	1	1	1	3
Pakistan	2	1	1	0	2

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Sydney (final day of four): New South Wales 264 (M G Bevan 79; D W Fleming 3-48) and 353-6 dec (Bevan 150 not out, M J Slater 69; B A Williams 4-63); Victoria 161 (W G Ayres 55; A M Stuart 5-63) and 398 (M T G Elliott 187, D S Berry 148; D A Freedman 4-92, S C MacGill 3-72).

FOOTBALL

Sunday's late results

SPANISH LEAGUE: Athletic Bilbao 2 Valencia 0; Celta Vigo 1 Compostela 2; Deportivo Coruna 0 Tenerife 0; Extremadura 0 Sevilla 1; Hercules 1 Zaragoza 1; Oviedo 3 Español 1, Rayo Vallecano 0 Racing Santander 0; Real Betis 2 Real Sociedad 1; Real Madrid 0 Logrones 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barcelona	12	8	4	0	36	16	28
Real Madrid	12	7	5	0	23	8	26
Deportivo	12	7	5	0	18	6	26
Real Betis	12	6	4	2	21	10	22
Valladolid	11	6	2	3	17	9	20
Atlético Madrid	12	5	3	4	20	16	18
Athletic Bilbao	12	5	3	4	22	19	18
Racing San.	12	4	6	2	14	14	18
Real Sociedad	12	5	2	5	15	17	17
Tenerife	12	4	4	4	18	11	16
Rayo Vallecano	12	4	4	4	17	14	16
Valencia	12	5	1	6	19	18	16
Español	12	4	3	5	16	16	15
Oviedo	12	4	3	5	16	19	15
Sevilla	12	4	2	6	10	12	14
Celta Vigo	12	3	5	4	10	13	14
Sporting Gijon	11	3	4	4	11	15	13
Compostela	12	3	3	6	13	26	12
Logrones	12	3	3	6	7	24	12
Zaragoza	12	1	6	5	14	20	9
Hercules	12	1	3	8	7	23	6
Extremadura	12	1	2	9	7	25	5

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: San Lorenzo 4 Huracan Corrientes 2; Gimnasia Jujuy 1 Velez 1; Lanus 3 River 1; Estudiantes 0 Newell's 5; Platense 3 Gimnasia La Plata 1. Boca 2 Union 0; Rosario Central 3 Independiente 1; Racing 6 Huracan 1; Colon 1 Ferro 1

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Coritiba 0 Flamengo 0, Criciuma 2 Palmeiras 1; Fluminense 2 Atletico-PR 3, Botafogo 0 Cruzeiro 0; Atletico-MG 5 Vasco 1; São Paulo 2 Gremio 1; Guarani 0 Portuguesa 1; Santos 1 Vitoria 0; Bahia 4 Bragantino 2; Internacional 2 Parana 1; Goias 4 Juventude 1, Sport 0 Corinthians 0

FA UMBRO TROPHY: Third qualifying round draw: Bradford Park Avenue v Barrow; Marine v Gainsborough Trinity. Buxton v Grantham Town; Runcorn v Solihull Borough; Moor Green v Dudley Town. Ashton United v Burton Albion, Colwyn Bay v Frickley Athletic; Blyth Spartans v Bilston Town; Farsley Celtic or Worksop Town v Lancaster City. Bishop Auckland v Stocksbridge Park Steels or Shepshed Dynamo; Spennymoor United v Radcliffe Borough, Bedworth United v Accrington Stanley; Rothwell Town v Workington. Knowsley United v Emley, Dartford or Tooting and Mitcham United v Dulwich Hamlet; Bromley v Worcester City; Sutton United v Dorchester Town; Aldershot Town v Dagenham and Redbridge; Crawley Town v Chelmsford City; Yeovil Town v Evesham United; Carshalton Athletic v Heybridge Swifts; St Leonards Stamcroft v Purfleet; Weymouth v Ashford Town, Paulton Town v Bognor Regis Town, Harrow Borough v Salisbury City; Sudbury Town v Cheltenham Town; Cambridge City v Newport AFC; Aylesbury United or Sittingbourne v Chertsey Town or Yeading; Basingstoke Town v Hastings Town. St Albans City v Kings Lynn, Gloucester City v Kingstonian; Fisher Athletic (London) v Wokingham Town.

☐ Ties to be played on November 30

GOLF

MYRTLE BEACH, South Carolina: Senior Tour championship: Leading final scores (US unless stated). 279: J Sigel 69, 69, 69, 72. 281: K Zarley 72, 71, 69, 69. 283: J Colbert 70, 70, 74, 69; J Bland (SA) 70, 71, 72, 70. 284: J Dent 72, 71, 70, 71. 286: R Charles (NZ) 68, 71, 71, 76; F Conner 71, 67, 76, 72. 287: V Fernandez 68, 70, 75, 74; I Aoki (Japan) 71, 74, 69, 73. 288: M Hill 69, 70, 74, 75; H Irwin 67, 75, 76, 70. G Marsh (Aus) 74, 69, 73, 72. T Wargo 72, 74, 74, 68. 289: J Powell 71, 72, 75, 71. J Jacobs (GB) 72, 71, 71, 75; R Floyd 72, 70, 72, 75. 290: J C Snead 72, 75, 70, 73. 291: D Stockton 73, 73, 74, 71. 292: L Trevino 70, 73, 78, 71. 294: J Schroeder 74, 73, 74, 73. B Stroble 71, 75, 74, 74. 295: G Gilbert 71, 73, 80, 71. 296: B Barnes (GB) 74, 71, 77, 74; J Kiefer 72, 74, 71, 79. 297: B Summerhays 75, 75, 76, 71. 298: B Murphy 72, 74, 73, 79; G Player (SA) 74, 68, 78, 78. 301: L Gilbert 70, 75, 77, 79; W Morgan 77, 72, 77, 75. 304: R Acton 71, 77, 72, 84. 305: T Weiskopf 77, 72, 77, 79

KAPALUA, Hawaii: Kapalua International tournament: Leading final scores (US unless noted): 269: P Stankowski 69, 65, 67, 68. 270: F Couples 63, 71, 69, 67. 271: D Love 66, 68, 71, 66, S Jones 64, 69, 69, 69. 272: B Gilder 64, 69, 69, 70. 273: A Lyle (GB) 68, 68, 68, 69. 274: P Jacobsen 66, 69, 69, 70. 276: S Cink 69, 69, 70, 68, S McCarron 67, 68, 70, 71. 277: D Waldorf 70, 71, 69, 67; B Mayfair 69, 65, 70, 73. Other scores: 287: G Waite (NZ) 71, 72, 72, 72. 289: D Feherty (Ire) 76, 70, 71, 72. 305: B Lane (GB) 73, 80, 79, 73

HOCKEY

HA CUP: Fourth-round draw: Anchorians v Beeston; Blueharts v Cannock; Bournville v Canterbury; Doncaster v High Wycombe; Fareham v Lewes; Guildford v Cambridge City; Hampstead and Westminster v Ipswich; Hampton-in-Arden v Old Loughtonians; Harleston Magpies v St Albans; Hounslow v Indian Gymkhana. Reading v Firebrands, Southgate v East Grinstead; Stourport v Hull; Surbiton v Brooklands. Teddington v Gore Court; Weston-super-Mare v Chelmsford

☐ Ties to be played on December 1

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Detroit 4 Tampa Bay 2; Philadelphia 3 Toronto 1; Chicago 2 Ottawa 0

SUPERLEAGUE: Ayr 4 Nottingham 6. Cardiff 8 Bracknell 0, Manchester 4 Newcastle 6; Sheffield 7 Basingstoke 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	13	9	1	3	67	43	19
Sheffield	12	8	2	2	51	31	18
Newcastle	14	7	2	5	67	53	18
Manchester	11	4	1	4	39	50	10
Basingstoke	12	4	2	6	45	53	10
Nottingham	11	5	0	6	37	46	11
Ayr	10	3	2	5	39	44	8
Bracknell	11	2	1	8	31	57	5

MOTOR RALLYING

INSTON RALLY (Isle of Man): 1, R Watson (Vauxhall Corsa) 2min 51sec; 2, J Corlett (Toyota Corolla) 2:59; 3, R Colquitt (Suzuki Swift) 4:00.

WOULD BE GOOD STAGES (Sussex): 1, T Armstrong (Escort V8) 36:07; 2, W Nichols (Ford Escort) 36:45; 3, M Owen (Escort) 36:49

PEAK REVS RALLY (Shropshire): 1, B Glaze (Escort) 1:45; 2, C Crook (Talbot Sunbeam) 1:46; 3, D Phasey (Escort) 1min 59.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Royal School Dungannon 15 Rainey; St Albans 16 Haberdashers' Aske's 11

TENNIS

SANTIAGO: Men's tournament: Final: H Gumy (Arg) bt M Rios (Chile) 6-4, 7-5

OAKLAND, California: Women's tournament: Final: M Hingis (Swtz) bt M Seles (US) 6-2, 6-0

TELFORD: Guardian Direct national championship: Men: First qualifying round: C Wall bt N Darragh 6-2, 6-1; M Wyeth bt S Rhodes 6-2, 6-4; J Layne bt N Bradley 6-2, 6-3; N Baglin bt B Haran 6-3, 6-1. G Henderson bt P Fish 6-3, 6-4. C Bennett bt J Auckland 6-2, 6-0; G Saffrey bt M Openshaw 7-5, 6-0; P Maggs bt N Watts 6-1, 6-4. D Sanders bt W Herbert 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

VOLLEYBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First division: Orpington 0 London Malory 3; Essex Estonians 3 Reebok Liverpool City 1; Smoke Free Birmingham 1 Ashcombe Guildford 3, Loughborough 3 Sheffield Wednesday 0

WORLD CUP QUALIFYING ROUNDS

EUROPE

GROUP ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Greece	4	2	1	1	7	3	7
Denmark	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Croatia	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
Bosnia	3	1	0	2	3	8	3
Slovenia	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

RESULTS: Greece 3 Bosnia-Herzegovina 0; Slovenia 0 Denmark 2; Bosnia-Herzegovina 1 Croatia 4; Denmark 2 Greece 1; Slovenia 1 Bosnia-Herzegovina 2; Croatia 1 Greece 1.

MATCHES TO COME: March 29 1997: Croatia v Denmark. April 2: Croatia v Slovenia; Bosnia-Herzegovina v Greece. April 30: Denmark v Slovenia; Greece v Croatia. June 8: Denmark v Bosnia-Herzegovina. Aug 20: Bosnia-Herzegovina v Denmark. Sept 6: Croatia v Bosnia-Herzegovina; Slovenia v Greece. Sept 10: Denmark v Croatia; Bosnia-Herzegovina v Slovenia. Oct 11: Greece v Denmark; Slovenia v Croatia.

GROUP TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	3	0	0	7	1	9
Italy	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Poland	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Georgia	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Moldova	3	0	0	3	2	6	0

RESULTS: Moldova 0 England 3; Moldova 1 Italy 3; England 2 Poland 1; Italy 1 Georgia 0; Georgia 0 England 2; Poland 2 Moldova 1.

MATCHES TO COME: Feb 12 1997: England v Italy. March 29: Italy v Moldova. April 2: Poland v Italy. April 30: England v Georgia; Italy v Poland. May 31: Poland v England. June 7: Georgia v Moldova. June 14: Poland v Georgia. Sept 10: England v Moldova; Georgia v Italy; Moldova v Georgia. Oct 7: Moldova v Poland. Oct 11: Italy v England; Georgia v Poland.

GROUP THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norway	3	3	0	0	9	0	9
Hungary	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Switzerland	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
Azerbaijan	3	1	0	2	1	8	3
Finland	2	0	0	2	2	4	0

RESULTS: Norway 5 Azerbaijan 0; Azerbaijan 1 Switzerland 0; Hungary 1 Finland 0; Finland 2 Switzerland 3; Norway 3 Hungary 0; Switzerland 0 Norway 1; Azerbaijan 0 Hungary 3

MATCHES TO COME: April 2 1997: Azerbaijan v Finland. April 30: Norway v Finland, Switzerland v Hungary. June 8: Finland v Azerbaijan, Hungary v Norway. Aug 20: Finland v Norway; Hungary v Switzerland. Sept 6: Switzerland v Finland, Azerbaijan v Norway. Sept 10: Hungary v Azerbaijan; Norway v Switzerland. Oct 11: Finland v Hungary; Switzerland v Azerbaijan

GROUP FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	3	2	1	0	3	0	7
Austria	3	2	1	0	3	1	7
Sweden	4	2	0	2	7	4	6
Belarus	4	1	1	2	3	7	4
Estonia	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Latvia	4	0	1	3	3	7	1

RESULTS: Sweden 5 Belarus 1; Austria 0 Scotland 0, Belarus 1 Estonia 0; Latvia 1 Sweden 2; Latvia 0 Scotland 2; Estonia 1 Belarus 0; Belarus 1 Latvia 1; Sweden 0 Austria 1; Estonia v Scotland — match abandoned, to be replayed; Austria 2 Latvia 1; Scotland 1 Sweden 0

MATCHES TO COME: March 29 1997: Scotland v Estonia. April 2: Scotland v Austria. April 30: Austria v Estonia; Sweden v Scotland; Latvia v Belarus. May 18: Estonia v Latvia. June 8: Latvia v Austria; Estonia v Sweden; Belarus v Scotland. Aug 20: Estonia v Austria; Belarus v Sweden. Sept 6: Austria v Sweden; Latvia v Estonia; Scotland v Belarus. Sept 10: Belarus v Austria; Sweden v Latvia. Oct 11: Austria v Belarus; Sweden v Estonia; Scotland v Latvia.

GROUP FIVE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Russia	3	2	1	0	9	1	7
Israel	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Bulgaria	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Cyprus	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Luxembourg	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

RESULTS: Israel 2 Bulgaria 1; Russia 4 Cyprus 0; Luxembourg 1 Bulgaria 2; Israel 1 Russia 1; Cyprus 2 Israel 0; Luxembourg 0 Russia 4.

MATCHES TO COME: Dec 14: Cyprus v Bulgaria. Dec 15: Israel v Luxembourg. March 29 1997: Cyprus v Russia. March 30: Luxembourg v Israel. April 2: Bulgaria v Cyprus. April 30: Israel v Cyprus; Russia v Luxembourg. June 8: Bulgaria v Luxembourg; Russia v Israel. Aug 20: Bulgaria v Israel. Sept 7: Luxembourg v Cyprus. Sept 10: Bulgaria v Russia. Oct 11: Cyprus v Luxembourg; Russia v Bulgaria.

GROUP SIX

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	4	4	0	0	18	2	12
Slovakia	3	3	0	0	11	1	9
Czech Republic	3	1	1	1	6	1	4
Spain	2	1	1	0	6	2	4
Faeroe Islands	5	0	0	5	5	22	0
Malta	3	0	0	3	0	18	0

RESULTS: Yugoslavia 3 Faeroe Islands 1, Yugoslavia 6 Malta 0; Faeroe Islands 1 Slovakia 2: Faeroe Islands 2 Spain 6; Czech Republic 6 Malta 0; Slovakia 6 Malta 0. Faeroe Islands 1 Yugoslavia 8. Czech Republic 0 Spain 0; Slovakia 3 Faeroe Islands 0; Yugoslavia 1 Czech Republic 0.

MATCHES TO COME: Nov 13: Spain v Slovakia. Dec 14: Spain v Yugoslavia. Dec 18: Malta v Spain. Feb 12 1997: Spain v Malta. March 31: Malta v Slovakia. April 2: Czech Republic v Yugoslavia. April 30: Malta v Faeroe Islands, Yugoslavia v Spain. May 21: Slovakia v Czech Republic. June 8: Faeroe Islands v Malta; Spain v Czech Republic, Yugoslavia v Slovakia. Aug 20: Czech Republic v Faeroe Islands. Sept 6: Faeroe Islands v Czech Republic. Sept 10: Slovakia v Yugoslavia. Sept 24: Malta v Czech Republic; Slovakia v Spain. Oct 11: Czech Republic v Slovakia; Malta v Yugoslavia; Spain v Faeroe Islands.

GROUP SEVEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	2	2	0	0	10	2	6
Belgium	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
Wales	4	2	0	2	13	10	6
Turkey	2	1	0	1	8	2	3
San Marino	4	0	0	4	0	21	0

RESULTS: San Marino 0 Wales 5, Wales 6 San Marino 0; Belgium 2 Turkey 1; Wales 1 Holland 3; San Marino 0 Belgium 3; Holland 7 Wales 1; Turkey 7 San Marino 0.

MATCHES TO COME: Dec 14: Belgium v Holland; Wales v Turkey. March 29 1997: Wales v Belgium; Holland v San Marino. April 2: Turkey v Holland. April 30: San Marino v Holland; Turkey v Belgium. June 7: Belgium v San Marino. Aug 20: Turkey v Wales. Sept 6: Holland v Belgium. Sept 10: San Marino v Turkey. Oct 11: Holland v Turkey; Belgium v Wales.

GROUP EIGHT

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Macedonia	4	2	1	1	15	5	7
Ireland	4	2	1	1	8	4	7
Romania	2	2	0	0	7	0	6
Lithuania	3	2	0	1	4	4	6
Iceland	4	0	2	2	1	7	2
Liechtenstein	4	0	0	4	2	21	0

RESULTS: Macedonia 3 Liechtenstein 0; Iceland 1 Macedonia 1. Liechtenstein 0 Ireland 5, Romania 3 Lithuania 0. Lithuania 2 Iceland 0, Iceland 0 Romania 4, Ireland 3 Macedonia 0; Lithuania 2 Liechtenstein 1; Liechtenstein 1 Macedonia 11; Ireland 0 Iceland 0.

MATCHES TO COME: Dec 14: Macedonia v Romania. March 29 1997: Romania v Liechtenstein. April 2: Lithuania v Romania; Macedonia v Ireland. April 30: Liechtenstein v Lithuania; Romania v Ireland. June 7: Ireland v Liechtenstein; Macedonia v Iceland. June 11: Iceland v Lithuania. Aug 19: Liechtenstein v Iceland. Aug 20: Ireland v Lithuania; Romania v Macedonia. Sept 6. Iceland v Ireland; Liechtenstein v Romania; Lithuania v Macedonia. Sept 10: Romania v Iceland; Lithuania v Ireland. Oct 11: Iceland v Liechtenstein; Ireland v Romania; Macedonia v Lithuania.

GROUP NINE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	4	2	1	1	5	2	7
Ukraine	3	2	0	1	3	2	6
Germany	2	1	1	0	6	2	4
Armenia	4	0	3	1	3	7	3
Northern Ireland	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Albania	2	0	1	1	1	4	1

RESULTS: Northern Ireland 0 Ukraine 1. Armenia 0 Portugal 0; Northern Ireland 1 Armenia 1; Ukraine 2 Portugal 1, Albania 0 Portugal 3, Armenia 1 Germany 5, Albania 1 Armenia 1; Germany 1 Northern Ireland 1, Portugal 1 Ukraine 0

MATCHES TO COME: Dec 14: Northern Ireland v Albania. Portugal v Germany. March 29 1997: Albania v Ukraine, Northern Ireland v Portugal. April 2: Albania v Germany; Ukraine v Northern Ireland. April 30: Germany v Ukraine. Armenia v Northern Ireland. May 7: Ukraine v Armenia. June 7: Portugal v Albania; Ukraine v Germany. Aug 20: Northern Ireland v Germany; Portugal v Armenia. Ukraine v Albania. Sept 6: Germany v Portugal. Armenia v Albania. Sept 10: Albania v Northern Ireland; Germany v Armenia. Oct 11: Germany v Albania; Portugal v Northern Ireland; Armenia v Ukraine.

SOUTH AMERICAN ZONE: Bolivia 2 Colombia 2; Peru 4 Venezuela 1. Paraguay 1 Ecuador 0

CONCACAF ZONE: Semi-final stage: Group one: United States 2 Trinidad and Tobago 0. Group two: El Salvador 3 Panama 2. Group three: Jamaica 5 St Vincent and the Grenadines 0.

AFRICAN ZONE: Group one: Guinea 3 Kenya 1. Group two. Liberia 0 Tunisia 1. Group three: Congo 1 Zambia 0. Group four: Angola 2 Zimbabwe 1; Togo 2 Cameroon 4. Group five: Gabon 1 Ghana 1

OCEANIAN ZONE: Tonga 2 Cook Islands 0

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CHANGING TIMES

TENNIS: RUSEDSKI'S RECENT FORM GIVES HIM REALISTIC CHANCE OF TOPPLING RIVAL AT TELFORD

Henman needs to find Sunday best

Alix Ramsay looks ahead to the probable encounter between Britain's leading men

IF IT is November, it must be Telford. At the end of a long hard season, the best that Britain can muster gather to sample the murky delights of the Telford International Centre to sort out the pecking order of British tennis.

Over the years, it has been a depressing affair, but now, for the first time since 1978 and the days of John Lloyd and Buster Mottram, Britain has two men in the top 50 of the world rankings. If all goes according to plan, Telford promises an interesting showdown between Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski come the final on Sunday.

For most of the year, Henman has been the centre of attention, as he has climbed the rankings from No 95 at the end of last year to a career-high of No 25 a couple of weeks ago. Since then, he has slipped slightly to No 27, but Henman's place as torch-bearer of British hopes for the future is assured.

Henman's meteoric rise has been stirring stuff for the public, who for years have been waiting patiently for the emergence of a potential champion. His success, initially at least, was helped by a break, because of injury, at the end of 1994 and a slow start to 1995.

At the beginning of this year, he had no points to defend on the ATP ranking computer and the only way was up. As his ranking has risen, so he has gained direct entry into the big events for the first time, adding to his points tally and his bank balance.

Henman has made the most of his chances but it has been a long haul. Telford will be his 28th tournament, not counting his two Davis Cup appearances. He has reached five semi-finals, a further two quarter-finals, including Wimbledon, and won the silver medal with Neil Broad in the doubles at the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Recently, though, the tiredness has been showing. His last semi-final was in Ostrava last month and, since then, he has not won a match, losing in the first round in Stuttgart, Paris and Moscow.

Next year will be harder still. He must repeat the successes of 1996 to maintain his ranking and do better to improve it. The schedule is fierce, the other players have seen Henman and what he has to offer. Now the real work starts.

His coach, David Felgate, the manager of men's national training for the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), will do his bit. Next year, he will travel full time with Henman while Jeremy Bates eases into retirement by taking on Felgate's duties at the LTA. Or, at least, he will once Henman is finished in Telford, where his first-round opponent is David Draper, from North Hants.

Rusedski has spent the year in Henman's shadow. It has not been easy, either. While Henman scaled new heights, Rusedski's ranking has been on the slide, sinking from No 37 at the start of the year to as low as No 84. He has taken on the big men, sometimes pushed them hard, but has never quite done enough to beat them as he searches for another weapon to go with his intimidating service.

Lately, though, the work seems to have paid off. In September, the Canadian-born Briton reached the semi-finals in Singapore, won in Peking and made the quarter-finals in Stockholm last week. That has pushed him back into the top 50, where he sits at No 48. He starts his campaign in Telford with a first-round encounter against James Fox, the British No 16.

Would that the women's game in Britain looked as healthy as the men's. The three top seeds, Sam Smith, Rachel Viollet and Clare Wood, have all had a spell as British No 1 this year, but that is not saying much. Smith, the world No 137, is highest-ranked at present, while Viollet and Wood linger at No 225 and No 241 respectively. Whoever wins the women's event in Telford this week, the impact on the world will be minimal.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Murray on the move to Wigan

WIGAN yesterday added David Murray, 21, the Auckland Warriors full back, to their overseas quota on a three-year contract (Christopher Irvine writes). Murray made a big impression in the New Zealand Maoris' recent defeat of Great Britain.

The domestic transfer market might be kick-started if Leeds, new bidders for Iestyn Harris, the Britain stand-off half, listed at a prohibitive £1.35 million by Warrington, are successful at a lower price.

Leeds have funds available for a possible world-record deal after the club's takeover by Paul Caddick, a property developer, and need a high-quality half back.

Peter Higham, the Warrington chairman, said: "It looks as though he's played his last match for us. Gary Hetherington [the new Leeds chief executive] was interested in Iestyn when he [Hetherington] was at Sheffield, but any deal has to be right for Warrington."

Meanwhile, Wigan, under financial pressure to sell Central Park to Dave Whelan, the owner of Wigan Athletic FC, and share the ground with the football club, are one of several clubs hoping to arrange advances on the Super League cash allocation for next season at a meeting today.

John Quayle yesterday resigned as general manager of both the Australian Rugby League and the New South Wales Rugby League.

CRICKET: SOUTH AUSTRALIA SWEPT ASIDE AS ENGLAND A STAGE STIRRING RECOVERY

SHAUN BOTTERILL / ALLSPORT

White, left, and Butcher voice their appeals as Hegg, the England A wicketkeeper, catches Nielsen off the bowling of Giles yesterday

Headley leads mission improbable

FROM A CORRESPONDENT
IN ADELAIDE

ENGLAND A have already shown a propensity to collapse under pressure that is reminiscent of the senior team but, at the Adelaide Oval yesterday, they discovered a quality that the Test side has yet to master — a remarkable talent for recovery.

Seemingly heading for defeat, the A team staged a magnificent comeback to claim a 12-run victory over South Australia. Despite being reduced to ten men because of Darren Lehmann's commitment to appear in a Northern Territories XI facing West Indies in Alice Springs today, the Sheffield Shield holders were not expected to have any difficulty in scoring the 164 runs required for victory after resuming at six without loss. Yet England produced a performance bristling with aggression to dismiss them for just 157.

Dean Headley, the Kent fast bowler, again stated his case for promotion to the Test side by claiming five for 38, to finish with career-best match figures of 11 for 98. The performance led Mike Gatting, the A team coach, to champion Headley's claims for full England recognition.

"It's good news for England because we need another strike bowler, particularly with the Australians coming over next year," Gatting said. "I would think there are a few guys in the first team who had better not sit on their laurels for too long."

Headley began the tumble of wickets in the third over of the day, inducing Greg Blewett, a candidate for the Australia Test side, to edge behind for his second duck of the match. When Headley had Jamie Siddons leg-before, the South Australia captain stood his ground and stared down the pitch at the umpire, Ashley Hunter, before returning to the pavilion.

James Brayshaw fell to the next ball, run out attempting a risky single, and South Australia's sinking morale was evident in the outright dissent shown when Headley struck again in the next over.

Ben Johnson was unable to control a lifting ball from Headley and Adam Hollioake caught him at second slip. As Johnson trudged off the pitch, Joe Scuderi, standing at the non-striker's end, appeared to question the legality of the catch with Hunter.

Hollioake insisted: "When you think you've caught a ball, you ask the umpire to make a decision and they gave it out, and whether that's right or wrong, you can't complain."

Scuderi, who finished with an unbeaten 55, found a stubborn partner in Bradley Young before Ashley Giles ended their 70-run stand. Headley then dismissed Jason Gillespie and Peter McIntyre in successive balls and although Scuderi denied the hat-trick, Giles wrapped up victory by bowling Harrity round his legs.

The umpires confirmed that they had spoken to Scuderi and Siddons and would be naming them in their report of the match to the Australian Cricket Board, although no further action was expected.

SCOREBOARD FROM ADELAIDE

ENGLAND A: First Innings 294 (M A *Butcher* 73, W K Hegg 69, C White 61; M A Harrity 4-61). Second Innings: 151 (P E McIntyre 4-43)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: First Innings 276 (J D Siddons 101; D W Headley 6-60)

Second Innings

G S Blewett c Hegg b Headley	2
B A Johnson c Hollioake b Headley	17
*J D Siddons lbw b Headley	18
J A Brayshaw run out	0
J C Scuderi not out	55
†T J Nielsen c Hegg b Giles	11
B E Young c White b Giles	37
J N Gillespie b Headley	8
P E McIntyre lbw b Headley	0
M A Harrity b Giles	0
D S Lehmann absent	0
Extras (b 3, lb 2, nb 4)	9
Total (63.2 overs)	157

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-38, 3-38, 4-41, 5-59, 6-129, 7-150, 8-150, 9-157

BOWLING: Headley 20-8-38-5; Harris 9-0-30-0; Ealham 6-0-18-0; Giles 14.2-3-28-3; White 8-3-12-0; Hollioake 4-1-12-0; Vaughan 2-0-14-0.

Umpires: A J Hunter and R G Kinnear.

SNOOKER: DEVELOPING NATIONS SHOW THAT GULF IN ABILITY IS CLOSING

World Cup succeeds in spreading gospel

FROM PHIL YATES
IN BANGKOK

SCOTLAND, represented by Stephen Hendry, John Higgins and Alan McManus, won the World Cup here on Sunday, but for those privileged to attend this groundbreaking, cosmopolitan event, a more significant victor was snooker itself.

The game's governing body, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), insists that the spreading of the green-baize gospel is a top priority and, to this end, the World Cup was highly successful.

A record total of 39 countries made up the original entry, with 20 competing in the final stages. Established hotbeds of the game dominated the business end of the tournament, as expected, but developing nations such as China, who beat Thailand 5-4 in the round-robin phase, and Belgium, equally surprising 5-4 conquerors of Northern Ireland, showed that the gulf in ability is closing rapidly.

Four of the ten world-ranking competitions will be held overseas this season — two in Thailand, the German Open and the European Open in Malta — and the theory that snooker is purely a British pursuit with a few colonial offshoots is no longer true.

Inevitably, there is much speculation about the venue for the next World Cup, scheduled for 1999. Rumoured to be on the shortlist are Brazil, for so long the front-runner to play host this year, the United Arab Emirates and Ireland.

The overall quality of snooker on display at the Amari Watergate Hotel was less impressive than usual at the highest level. As always, in locations where air conditioning is a necessity, the tables, particularly during the early stages, were sluggish but, if anything, the stop-start format had even more of a detrimental effect on the general standard.

With no player at the table for two consecutive frames, rhythm was as hard to find as a clear road in this most congested of urban jungles. Add to that the intense, and in many cases, unaccustomed pressures of playing for team and country rather than merely as an individual, and the many scrappy exchanges became understandable.

The ridiculously late finishes — no day's play reached its conclusion before 1.15am local time — were also a negative factor.

Despite these handicaps, which proved an effective leveller, the best team emerged victorious. The 10-7 victory by Scotland over Ireland in the final secured the £105,000 first prize and the "King of Kings" gold trophy, which was valued at £30,000.

Stephen Hendry, the world champion, who defeated Stephen Murphy in the closing frame, said: "In many respects I felt under more pressure out there than I do at the Crucible. It really has been an honour for me to be involved in all of this."

It will be interesting to see how the game's pre-eminent force deals with a more personal degree of pressure as he attempts to win the United Kingdom championship for a third year in succession. The event begins on Friday.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

GRAMINIVOROUS

(c) Grass-eating. From the Latin *gramen, graminis* grass + *voro, vorāre* to eat greedily, to swallow up. The condition of nasty old Nebuchadnezzar in old age. An epithet for your militant vegetarian acquaintances. "And could my friend see your graminivorous menu, please?"

STEGOPHILIST

(c) One whose strange hobby is climbing up the outside of tall buildings. "So you're suffering from fear of heights now, dearest? Hmmm. Have you ever thought of trying a little stegophily?"

DEFENESTRATION

(a) The act of throwing someone (or something) out of a window, from the Latin *de* down from + *fenestra* a window. An historic practice in Prague as well as the risk that stegophilists run. The word is neologism's paradigm and justification. If the word were not needed to describe the act, the act would have to be performed to validate the word.

SUGGILATE

(b) To beat black and blue, to lambast and bruise. From the Latin word for a Roman speciality. When approached for the nineteenth time by a hearty enthusiast soliciting money in the street for a dodgy religious organisation, say, with a sweet smile: "I'm terribly sorry — I cannot manage a cash donation at this moment in time. But I could offer a suggilation, if you would take that instead."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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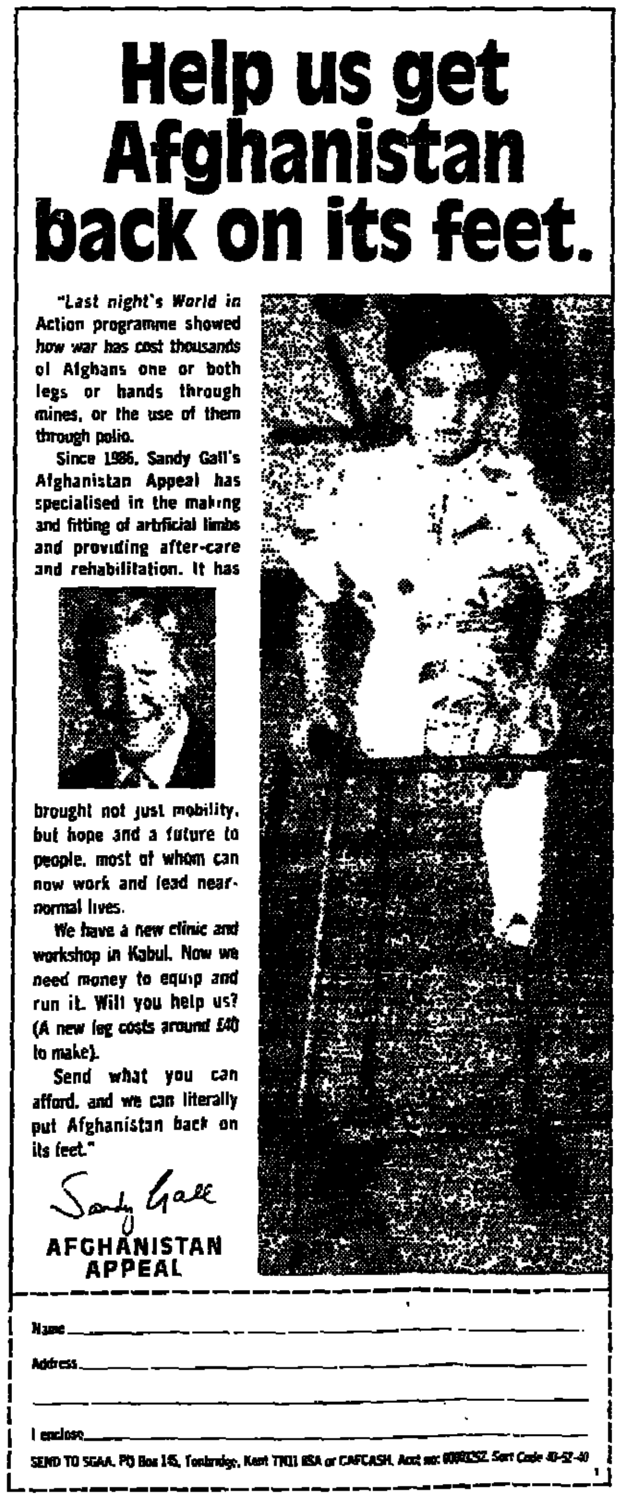

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RADIO CHOICE

We, at least, are amused

After Albert. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

Perry Pontac's outrageous comedy offers an alternative version of Queen Victoria's endless bereavement. Visited by Disraeli (Peter Jeffrey), bearing a message of condolence that the rest of the nation would have split its sides to hear, the Queen (Miriam Margolyes) regales him with classic non-sequiturs such as "I miss him terribly at times. He invented the corkscrew, you know." She also imparts the information — inexplicably absent from every history book I have read — that she and Albert had indulged in "connubial intimacies" on only nine occasions. Most spectacular of Pontac's disclosures, she suggests an arrangement whereby Disraeli — "my swarthy nomad" — could boost that total considerably.

Meridian: Who is the Monster? *BBC World Service, 11.30am.*

Dracula, Frankenstein's monster, the psychotic Norman Bates, and the flesh-gobbling Hannibal Lecter are all present and incorrect in Quentin Cooper's history of the horror film. Christopher Frayling of the Royal College of Art traces the horror impulse back to the cave artists of Lascaux who, he theorises, tamed their fears of mammoths and other Stone Age beasties by turning them into art. I wonder: weren't they rather paying homage to the animals that fed and clothed them? The sci-fi novelist Kim Newman impressively takes monsters out of the supernatural context and presents them as political and scientific metaphors.

Peter Davalle

RADIO ONE

6.30am Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, includes at **12.30pm-12.45** Newsbeat and at **1.45** The Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, includes at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session, with Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq **10.00** Stuart Maconie, live from Manchester **12.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Judi Spiers **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** Helen Sharman **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Malcolm Laycock with Dance Band Days **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Melly on Monday: Alan Plater. George Melly hosts a jazz chat show *(2/6)* **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at **5.45** Wake Up to money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme incl at **6.55**, **7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diane Madill, incl at **10.35** News from Europe **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.35pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sports Bulletin **7.35** Football Legends. Featuring Johnny Haynes **8.00** Football Forum **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** The Other Side of Midnight **2.05** Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Early Breakfast **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Anna Raeburn **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Drivetime, with Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. News on the hour **5.30am** Europe Today **6.30** Global Gardening **6.45** Development '96 **7.15** Off the Shelf **7.30** New Ideas **7.50** Musical Copenhagen **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Pick of the World **8.45** Good Books **9.05** Business **9.15** Inspiration **9.45** Sport **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Off the Shelf **11.30** Meridian. See Choice **12.05pm** World Business Report **12.15** Britain Today **12.30** Counterpoint **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Multitrack **3.05** Sport **3.15** History Today **3.30** Green History of the Planet **4.15** World Today **4.30** BBC English **4.45** Britain Today **5.30** World Business Report **5.45** Sport **6.30** Counterpoint **7.01** Outlook **7.30** Megamix **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Britain Today **9.30** Meridian Feature **10.30** World Today **10.45** Sport **11.10** Voicebox **11.15** History Today **11.30** Megamix **12.30am** Folk Routes **12.45** Britain Today **1.30** Outlook **1.55** Words of Faith **2.30** Composer of the Month **3.15** Sport **3.30** Meridian On Screen **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto: Vieuxtemps (Cello Concerto No 1 in A minor, Op 46) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** The Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Sergei Taneyev (Overture: the Oresteia, Op 6); Alexander Arkhangelsky (To the Mother of God); Penderecki (Song of the Cherubim); Shostakovich (String Quartet No 1 in C, Op 49); **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Randall Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Mozart (Flute Quartet No 2 in G, K285a); Seiber (Three Hungarian Folk Songs)

9.00 Morning Collection. With Peter Hobday, includes Handel (Concerto Grosso in B flat, Op 3 No 2 and 3); Vaughan Williams (Five Mystical Songs)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Includes Locatelli (Concerto Grosso in F), Tomasi (Triptyque), *Artist of the Week*: Wynton Marsalis, trumpet

12.00 Composers of the Week: Cherubini and Spontini. Graham Fawcett explores Cherubini's opera *Medea* with highlights from the celebrated 1957 performance by Maria Callas

1.00pm News; BBC Orchestras. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, conductor Elgar Howarth, James Crabb, accordion. Alasdair Nicolson (Breakdance); Debussy (Prélude à L'Aprés-Midi d'un Faune); Cresswell (Dragspil); Stravinsky (Suite, The Firebird)

2.25 Ensemble. Pianist Gordon Fergus-Thompson plays music by Spanish composer Manuel de Falla (r)

3.10 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Philharmonic, Gervase de Peyer, clarinet. Bach (orch Elgar, Fantasia and Fugue in C minor); Butterworth (A Shropshire Lad); conductor Donald Hunt. Edwin Roxburgh (Clarinet Concerto, first performance); Conductor Edwin Roxburgh. Elgar (Symphony No 1 in A flat); conductor Donald Hunt

5.00 The Music Machine. Natalie Wheen finds out from Wynton Marsalis how to maintain discipline in jazz and talks to students about how they practise

5.15 In Tune. Includes Mozart (Overture, Cosi fan tutte), Shostakovich (Three Duets)

7.30 Pebble Mill. Live from Birmingham, Lowri Blake, cello, Iwan Llewelyn-Jones, piano. Busoni (Kleine Suite, Op 23); Bach (Suite in D minor, BWV1008) **8.10** The Over-Ride. A specially-commissioned story by Rose Tremain read by John Duttine **8.30** Concert, part 2 Mendelssohn (Prelude and Fugue in D minor); Busoni (Serenata), Mendelssohn (Cello Sonata No 2 in D)

9.30 Grains of Sand. Martin Buckley visits the deserts of northern Iran to explore Marco Polo's legend of the Old Man of the Mountains

9.55 Aldeburgh Festival 1996. Includes George Benjamin (Three Inventions); Takemitsu (Archipelago S), Colin Matthews (Hidden Variables)

10.45 Night Waves. American short-story writer Tobias Wolff discusses his first collection in ten years, *The Night in Question*, which explores different ways people rewrite their own lives

11.30 Composer of the Week: Percy Grainger. Includes Benjamin Britten conducting the English Chamber Orchestra and the Ambrosian Singers (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes features the Don Weller Quartet

1.00 Through the Night

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer **6.30** Today **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross

10.00 News; Walston Goes Walkabout (FM). New series. Oliver Walston seeks out the South-East Asia of his childhood

10.00 Daily Service (LW)

10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray

11.30 Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts. Barbara Myers looks back at 50 years of medical photography and examines its role in modern health care

12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm Hood. **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Sheena McDonald

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping

2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: After Albert. See Choice

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Dairé Brehan

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan reads and reviews children's books. He asks how fiction for teenagers can compete with videos and computer games, and examines the growing market for children's audio books

4.45 Short Story: Snake Skin Becomes Her, by Jo Hughes. Jessica has got a date, but she can't decide what to wear — until she meets Vivien. Reader Karin Diamond

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Chambers, by Clive Coleman. With John Bird, James Fleet, Lesley Sharp and Jonathan Kydd (4/6) (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 File on 4, with Roger Wilkes

8.00 Science Now (r)

8.30 The Spirit of Place: The Music of Living Landscapes, by Wilson Harris. A series of newly commissioned stories that evoke the character and atmosphere of a place through language and sound. Read by the author (3/5)

9.00 In Touch, with Peter White. News, views and information for visually impaired people

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Lady Chatterley's Confessions, by Elaine Feinstein. Part 2

11.00 Mediumwave (r)

11.30 I Was That Teenager (FM). Six well-known people look back at the pleasures and pains of their teenage lives. Trade union leader Bill Morris talks about growing up in rural Jamaica and the circumstances that led to his arrival in Birmingham in the 1950s (3/6) (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)

12.00 News and **12.27am** Weather

12.30 The Late Book: The Shipping News, by E Annie Proulx. Pulitzer Prize-winning story of Quoyle, third-rate newspaperman and first-rate loser, whose life dramatically improves. Read by William Hurt (2/10)

12.48 Shipping 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE: RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3: FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720, 198 (12.45-5.55am). RADIO 5 LIVE: MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE: MW 648; LW 198. CLASSIC FM: 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO: FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO: MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.

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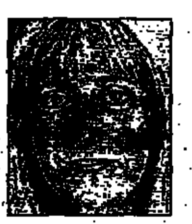
Not such a big secret about a very big star

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Well, at last the truth is told. All those readers who for years have demanded an answer to the question, "Were Errol Flynn's private parts really of unusually large dimensions?" may finally exhale and sit back. According to last night's **Secret Lives: Errol Flynn** (Channel 4), the tackle was ordinary. "Short and rather stout," said one witness, while a former wife (whose motives surely bear examination) is on record declaring that Flynn's equipment was nothing if not middling. So that's that. We can breathe. And the solemn debunking spotlight of *Secret Lives* has turned its full beam on the myth of a dead film star's penis, as though the effort were in the slightest bit worthwhile.

The oddest thing about this Errol Flynn film was that Flynn himself was hardly in it. A few snatches of *Captain Blood* or *Robin Hood* — it was difficult for people never captivated by him to imagine what the fuss was about. Obviously he was dashingly handsome and looked good in tights, also he swashbuckled while keeping a hat on. But shouldn't the starriness of Flynn have been better established before the "Here for the very first time" stuff concerning his statutory rape or his under-age girlfriend? Oh well, perhaps this emphasis on the failing man did reflect the truth, that he was a star who shone brightest in burn-outs. Cast as John Barrymore in the movie *Too Much, Too Soon*, Flynn said: "I make more money playing a shadow of my former self than [illegible] when I *was* my former self."

In its rather odd determination to break this butterfly on the same wheel that had done for the Duke of Windsor, *Secret Lives* had tracked down the usual biographers and also a few people who had never spoken before. Unluckily, their big coup was a woman from the statutory rape case ("Now, for the first time — ") who was virtually inarticulate. She sat in shadow and waved her arms. But the most questionable evidence came from a screen-pundit psychologist (where do they get these people?) whose particular expertise was never established, but who spoke in grand terms about Flynn nevertheless. "How do you cope," he asked, "with a flood of human flesh throwing itself at you?" It was a problem which I politely suggest he doesn't often grapple with himself.

Elsewhere, on ITV, it was a good night for ironing, if you know what I mean. The second instalment of Sharman (South London loner tough guy in mob world) was a substantial improvement on the first, but of course that's not saying much. Looking up from the ironing board with the water-squirter poised in your hand, you might catch a glimpse of a woman's deep cleavage or Clive Owen's needle-thin spivvy sideburns and return to the tricky under-arm bits well satisfied. The cleavages this week belonged to ball-breaking bitches instead of pliable page three girls, but I wouldn't get excited. Traditionally, in rubbish like *Sharman*, these two female types are the only ones permitted.

Meanwhile on BBC2, **Horizon** *returned with a very sensible* examination of the famous life-on-Mars rock, and if it didn't answer the big question one way or the other, it answered lots of the little incidental ones, such as "How can you be sure this rock is from Mars anyway?" and "Just how good are microscopes these days, then?". Actually, it turns out that the magnification of microscopes is getting completely out of hand; as scientists peered ever closer at their fragments of meteorite, I kept thinking of James Thurber's cautionary "University Days" story about his own difficulties with the microscope, in which he found, finally, that he was looking at a reflection of his own eye.

All the scientific qualms were well explained, but the programme ended disappointingly. When Nasa's Pathfinder mission lands on Mars and starts looking for eency-weency signs of life, they said, it will be "like looking for a *needle in a haystack*". *What?* A needle in a haystack? What an original and thought-provoking analogy. It must have taken them ages to come up with that.

Rating rather higher for commentary prizes was BBC2's new series 1914-18, narrated by Dame Judi Dench. This is a grand and sonorous co-produced series, clearly modelled on Jeremy Isaacs's groundbreaking *World at War* (narrated by Laurence Olivier), and it looks unmissable. Last night's instalment led us to the brink of war, and took great pains to explain how the rise of international socialism in the first years of this technological century forced the imperialist issue. It was not shy of editorialising, either: every time the doomed and bearded French socialist Jean Jaures was featured, the music and commentary lapsed into lost-saviour wistfulness, reminding us of what might have been if socialists had succeeded in keeping the peace.

Lastly, **The Crow Road** (BBC2) held its dramatic promise from last week — and what a clever piece it is, a mystery about the importance of mystery; a surprising story about the magic of surprise. "Prentice, you can't always know the cause of everything," explained Kenneth (the excellent Bill Paterson) to his son. Yet it is noticeable that all Kenneth's successful children's books are fanciful accounts of how things came to be — what the scholars call aetiological myths.

Kenneth's books tell us, for example, why heaps of rock appear on the tops of crags. Yet we are no nearer to the story of Uncle Rory's disappearance, nor to an understanding of Aunt Fiona's death. And why oh why does the wife of Uncle Hamish always serve up cod creole?

BBC1

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (23522) **7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS** (Ceefax) (41183) **9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA** (Ceefax) (6370015)

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (s) (1570522)

9.45 KILROY (s) (8039096)

10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (s) (47928)

11.00 NEWS; regional news (Ceefax) and weather (2822909) **11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW** (s) (4440928) **11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE** (s) (6250980)

12.00 NEWS; regional news (Ceefax) and weather (4183909) **12.05pm THE FLYING DOCTORS** (Ceefax) (s) (2837270) **12.50 A DIFFERENT COUNTRY PRACTICE: Consultant Geriatrician** (r) (17778270)

1.00 NEWS (Ceefax) and weather (44270)

1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (14442638)

1.40 NEIGHBOURS (Ceefax) (s) (24353638)

2.00 CALL MY BLUFF (s) (5473) **2.30 THE TERRACE** (s) (218) **3.00 INCOGNITO** (s) (4980)

3.30 BRUM (3780522) **3.40 ROMUALD THE REINDEER** (7643812) **3.50 THE ALL NEW POPEYE SHOW** (8440947) **4.10 OSCAR'S ORCHESTRA** (5840336) **4.35 IT'LL NEVER WORK** (1081183) **5.00 NEWSROUND** (6536893) **5.10 BYKER GROVE** (Ceefax) (2858893)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (Ceefax) (s) (344396)

6.00 NEWS (Ceefax) and weather (947)

6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES (299)

7.00 HOLIDAY Jill Dando visits the bulb fields *near Amsterdam; Sankha Guha explores* coastal Senegal; and Kirsty Young discovers Alicante (Ceefax) (s) (6589)

7.30 EASTENDERS *A nightmare becomes a* reality for Lorraine and David; Carol takes a difficult call. (Ceefax) (s) (183)

8.00 999 LIFESAVERS Stories of bravery and heroism presented by Michael Buerk and Juliet Morris (Ceefax) (s) (2909)

8.30 A QUESTION OF SPORT Joining the regulars this week are Matthew Pinsent, Phil Tufnell, Gareth Southgate and Denise Lewis (Ceefax) (s) (4744)

9.00 NEWS (Ceefax) **REGIONAL NEWS** and weather (5454)

9.30 ONE FOOT IN THE GRAVE A hole at the bottom of the Meldrews' garden turns into the tunnel from hell (r) (Ceefax) (s) (79015) **WALES: Week In Week Out 10.00 One Foot in the Grave 10.30 Crimewatch File 11.20 The Richard Dimbleby Lecture 12.05 FILM: Welcome Home**

10.00 CRIMEWATCH FILE: Daniel Handley — A Stolen Life (Ceefax) (s) (493251)

10.50 THE RICHARD DIMBLEBY LECTURE. Professor Richard Dawkins on *Science, Delusion and the Appetite for Wonder* (s) (676657)

11.40 FILM: Welcome Home (1989) starring Kris Kristofferson. An American Air Force officer, who was presumed dead in Cambodia but who actually remarried, leaves his new wife and children to return to America, where he finds his first wife has also remarried. Directed by Franklin J. Schaffner (333893)

1.10am WEATHER (7992706)

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BBC2

6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE (5813812) **6.50 GLOBAL FIRMS, SHRINKING WORLDS** (9399164) **7.15 SEE, HEAR BREAKFAST NEWS** (6461454) **7.30 PERILS OF PENELOPE PITSTOP** (4139831) **7.55 BLUE PETER** (r) (Ceefax) (7867725) **8.20 FIREMAN SAM** (3765164) **8.35 THE RECORD** (6970744) **9.00 DAYTIME ON TWO: STANDARD GRADE ENGLISH** (6378657) **9.20 THE GEOGRAPHY PROGRAMME** (1578164) **9.45 WATCH** (1081760) **10.00 PLAYDAYS** (36763) **10.30 COME OUTSIDE** (3900386) **10.45 SCIENCE ZONE** (4410560) **11.05 SPACE ARK** (2836102) **11.15 CLEMENTINE** (7173251) **11.30 THE ENGLISH COLLECTION** (9719812) **12.05 SEE HEAR!** (4058096) **12.30 WORKING LUNCH** (57893) **1.00 TEACHING TODAY** (42812) **1.30 SHOWCASE** (14433980) **1.40 HOTCH POTCH HOUSE** (24344980) **2.00 FIREMAN SAM** (r) (56586909) **2.10 THE FUGITIVE** (b/w) (r) (Ceefax) (5879102) **3.00 NEWS** (Ceefax) (4299367) **3.05 WESTMINSTER** (6787522) **3.55 NEWS** (Ceefax) (5919015)

4.00 TODAY'S THE DAY (s) (812) **4.30 READY, STEADY, COOK** (s) (116) **5.00 THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW** (Ceefax) (s) (9306928) **5.40 A WEEK TO REMEMBER** (b/w) (829367) **5.50 LIFETIMES IN A DAY** (s) (756473)

6.00 FRESH PRINCE OF BEL AIR (r) (s) (268657) **6.25 HEARTBREAK HIGH** (Ceefax) (s) (914386) **7.10 THE O ZONE** (r) (s) (669893)

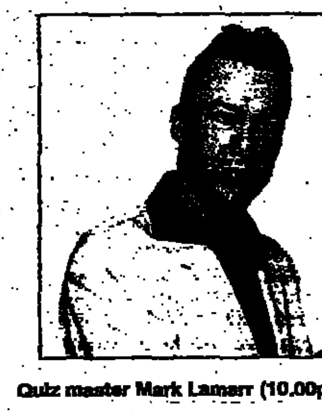
7.30 THE VERDICT The inner workings of the legal system (Ceefax) (s) (725)

8.00 UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE Imperial College, London v St Catharine's College, Cambridge (Ceefax) (s) (3251)

8.30 FOOD AND DRINK Investigating the popularity of "alcopop" (Ceefax) (2386)

9.00 SYKES (r) (Ceefax) (3096)

9.30 WHEN ROVER MET BMW (2/5) (Ceefax) (s) (77657)



Quiz master Mark Lamarr (10.00pm)

10.00 NEVER MIND THE BUZZCOCKS New comedy pop-quiz with Mark Lamarr and team captains Sean Hughes and Phill Jupitus (Ceefax) (20251) **WALES: The Way It Is**

10.30 NEWSNIGHT (Ceefax) (111305)

11.15 SOHO STORIES (s) (796270)

12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (26771)

12.30am-6.00 LEARNING ZONE: OU: LA: CITY OF THE FUTURE? (70023) **1.30 CHANGING BERLIN: CHANGING EUROPE** (25315) **2.00 SEX EDUCATION** (90416) **4.00 TEACHING AND LEARNING WITH IT 5.00 INSIDE EUROPE** (58955) **5.30 FILM EDUCATION** (27400)

CHOICE

The Verdict
BBC2, 7.30pm

British justice may be the best in the world *but that does not mean it is perfect. For the* first in a new series about the way the law really works, the methods used by advocates to persuade jurors come under scrutiny. Setting the programme, rather too obviously, in a theatre, the presenter David Rose makes the point that the court is more about drama and salesmanship than it is about justice. Jurors are swayed by things other than mere evidence. Jonathan Jones was convicted of murder because he was too cocky and badly dressed. Gillian Taylforth's libel case was lost because a video taken six *years before undermined her credibility.* Apparently lawyers are actors, estate agents and used-car salesmen, willing to try any trick to win. Whatever happened to good old Perry Mason?

Never Mind the Buzzcocks
BBC2, 10.00pm

The reason why the sports quiz *They Think It's All Over* was such a success was that it took a serious subject and made it fun. Trying to repeat the formula with pop music rather loses the point because pop, by its very nature, is as daft as a brush. The same mix of professionals and comedians take turns to answer silly game show-type questions and much rude, roistering rumpus is had by all. Rounds include recognising the songs from Legs and Co's dance routine without the music and trying to decipher mumbled lyrics. Given that the guests' names will only be known by 20 to 30-year-olds, it is not surprising to find that Seventies-chart knowledge is a must. Hosted by Mark Lamarr in his best Angus Deayton persona, the teams are led by the wonderful Phill Jupitus and Sean Hughes.

Network First: Going to Chelsea
ITV, 10.40pm

The Chelsea Flower Show is the horticultural world's equivalent of the Oscars, the Booker and Turner Prizes all rolled *into one. It* attracts thousands of visitors who come to marvel at the marrows and covet the chrysanthemums. The producer Beryl Vertue (*Men Behaving Badly*) followed the preparations and planning during the months leading up to the event by last year's gold medallist Stephen Woodham. A sort of Nigel Kennedy of the gardening set, Woodhams won by his originality in constructing an overgrown piece of land complete with weeds and derelict greenhouse. This year he went for a blue and *orange-themed kitchen garden. As we follow* the blood, sweat and tears that transform his design into reality, the true nature of Chelsea is revealed. Wry use of excellent music, Zoe Wanamaker's soothing narration and the sheer niceness of Stephen make this a blooming wonderful little film.

The Richard Dimbleby Lecture
BBC1, 10.50pm

A fitting memorial to the great communicator is this platform from which a speaker must hold the audience's attention without visual aids or gimmicks. For the 21st lecture, Professor Richard Dawkins argues for a more positive view of science. Dawkins, who holds the first chair of the Popular Understanding for Science at Oxford, states that science "needs to be released from the lab into the culture" and that it should be appreciated in the same manner as the arts. The author of *The Selfish Gene* and other bestsellers has frequently clashed with *religious and spiritual organisations in his* contention that if we have science, we need no other explanations for the mysteries of the Universe.

Frances Lass

HTV

6.00am **GMTV** *(1976589)*

9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (1588541)

9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (2304638)

10.00 THE TIME . . . THE PLACE (30589)

10.30 THIS MORNING (24306744)

12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (4172893)

12.30 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (4248763)

12.55 SHORTLAND STREET (4223454) **1.25 HIGH ROAD** (Teletext) 7129015) **2.00 HOME AND AWAY** (r) (Teletext) (s) (57371164) **2.25 CROSS WITS** (Teletext) (s) (57390299) **2.50 VANESSA** (Teletext) (6101589)

3.20 NEWS (Teletext) (4206657)

3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (4205928)

3.30 POTAMUS PARK (3715218) **3.40 WIZADORA** (7638980) **3.50 ZOT THE DOG** (3719034) **4.05 GARFIELD AND FRIENDS** (9718763) **4.15 HEY ARNOLD!** (5834725) **4.40 THE WARD** (4285744)

5.10 WHAT'S MY LINE? (7583473)

5.40 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (563299)

6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (s) (163003)

6.25 HTV NEWS (Teletext) (294034)

7.00 EMMERDALE (Teletext) (s) (1657)

7.30 THE MIDDLE AGES (251)

8.00 THE BILL Ackland's promotion causes Brownlow problems. (Teletext) (6855)

8.30 THE COOK REPORT Roger Cook investigates young people who have turned to prostitution while "in care" (Teletext) (s) (9812)

9.00 SOLDIER, SOLDIER Evans is faced with a dilemma when he suspects one of his friends is bullying an Asian soldier in his platoon (Teletext) (s) (8893)

10.00 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (57305)

10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (745909)

Stephen Woodham (10.40pm)

10.40 NETWORK FIRST: Going to Chelsea Following garden designer Stephen Woodham as he plans and builds his controversial kitchen garden (Teletext) (311218)

11.40 CANVAS (166638)

12.10am THE 50TH ROYAL FILM PERFORMANCE: TRUE BLUE (8912955)

12.35 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA (2699690)

1.20 FILM: THE STRANGER (1972) starring Glenn Corbett, Cameron Mitchell, Lew Ayres and Sharon Acker. When an astronaut crashes on another planet be becomes a fugitive from the authorities. *Directed by Lee H. Katzin (339110)*

3.00 LATE & LOUD (86955)

4.00 THE CHART SHOW (r) (s) (5857348)

4.50 SOUND BITES (60650394)

5.00 ON THE EDGE (46481)

5.30 NEWS

As HTV West except:

12.55pm HOME AND AWAY (4223454)

1.25 CROSS WITS (39889454)

1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (24350541)

2.20 VANESSA (57375980)

2.50 FROM THE GROUND UP (6101589)

5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7583473)

7.30-8.00 TUESDAY SPECIAL (251)

11.40 THE ROYAL FILM PERFORMANCE (760015)

12.15am HIGHLANDER (3565955)

1.10 **LATE & LOUD** *(7630787)*

2.10 FUNNY BUSINESS (1240706)

2.35 Film: SERENA (6945690)

3.40 FOOTBALL EXTRA (9295431)

4.20 SOUND BITES (76420874)

4.35 JOBFINDER (9190481)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.55 EMMERDALE (4223454)

1.25-1.55 CROSSWITS (39889454)

1.55 HOME AND AWAY (29033015)

2.25 VANESSA (57374251)

2.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (1549305)

5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (7583473)

7.30-8.00 BLOOMING MARVELLOUS (251)

11.40 THE ROYAL FILM PERFORMANCE (760015)

12.15am PROFILE (8093874)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55pm CROSS WITS (4223454)

1.25 HOME AND AWAY (39889454)

1.55 SHORTLAND STREET (24350541)

2.20 VANESSA (57375980)

2.50-3.20 ON YOUR MARKS (6101589)

5.10 HOME AND AWAY (7583473)

6.30-7.00 WHAT'S MY LINE? (367)

7.30-8.00 CROWN AND COUNTRY (251)

11.40 PRISONER CELL BLOCK H (444305)

5.00am FREESCREEN (46481)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:

12.55pm CROSS WITS (4223454) **1.25 HOME AND AWAY** (39889454) **1.55 JUSTICE OF THE LAND** (24350541) **2.20 VANESSA** (57375980) **2.50-3.20 CRAWSHAW PAINTS** (6101589) **5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET** (7583473) **7.30-8.00 OUT TO LUNCH** (251) **11.40 THE ROYAL FILM PERFORMANCE** (760015) **12.15am SHORT STORY CINEMA**

S4C

Starts: 7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (34893) **9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER** (34454) **9.30 YSGOLION** (939725) **12.00pm HOUSE TO HOUSE** (54218) **12.30 TRUMPTON** (17240096) **12.45 ALFIE ATKINS** (17238251) **1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN** (37980) **1.30 Film: THEY DRIVE BY NIGHT** (30915560) **3.15 RICKI LAKE** (6198102) **4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE** (980) **4.30 DESIRE** (164) **5.00 5 PUMP** (2763) **5.30 COUNTDOWN** (744) **6.05 HENO** (563229) **6.35 SION A SIAN** (270638) **7.00 POBOL Y CWM** (314831) **7.25 BRODYR BACH** (572744) **8.00 HEATHER** (8947) **8.30 NEWYDDION** (7454) **9.00 GWYL FFILM RYNGWLADOL CYMRU ABERYSTWYTH** (823657) **9.45 POBL Y PWLL** (669034) **10.00 BROOKSIDE** (886947) **10.35 DROP THE DEAD DONKEY** (132947) **11.05 SHORT STORIES** (192893) **11.35 NORTHERN EXPOSURE** (445034) **12.30am WITNESS** (1445416) **1.35 DIWEDD** (41762706) **4.00 YSGOLION** (12868)

CHANNEL 4

6.30am *ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY* (r) (30791)

7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (34893)

9.00 *HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER* (34454)

9.30 SCHOOLS: Eureka! 9.45 Stop Look Listen 10.00 Fourways Farm 10.10 *How We Used to Live 10.45 Caraidean* 11.00 The New Living Body 11.20 Stage One 11.37 Lost Animals 11.42 Poverty Answering Back 11.45 First Edition (939725)

12.00 HOUSE TO HOUSE (s) (54218)

12.30pm *TRUMPTON* (r) (17240096) **12.45 ALFIE ATKINS** (r) (17238251)

1.00 SESAME STREET (70744) **2.00 *TABLE TENNIS*** (64206831)

2.15 FILM: Mystery Street (b/w, 1950) with Ricardo Montalban as a Boston detective *investigating the murder of a pregnant* woman. Directed by John Sturges (Teletext) (729378)

4.00 *FIFTEEN-TO-ONE* (Teletext) (s) (980) **4.30 COUNTDOWN** (Teletext) (s) (164) **5.00 RICKI LAKE** (Teletext) (s) (5164928) **5.45 ANTON MOSIMANN — NATURALLY** (Ceefax) (837386)

6.00 THE AVENGERS (Teletext) (50980)

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Teletext) (329589)

7.55 THE SLOT (639812)

Mark Walton on the move (8.00pm)

8.00 RIDE ON Magazine looking at alternative forms of transport. Presented by Muriel Gray, Alain de Cadenet and Mark Walton (Teletext) (s) (8947)

8.30 BROOKSIDE What is Susannah hiding from Max and David? Nat and Georgia face up to their actions (Teletext) (s) (7454)

9.00 ANIMAL CANNIBALS The second of two programmes looks at why cannibalism occurs within a community of partly related animals and family units (Teletext) (s) (9763)

10.00 *DROP THE DEAD DONKEY* Dave is worried about his impending nuptials and Gus is worried about an old face (Teletext) (s) (886947)

10.35 WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY? (r) (Teletext) (s) (132947)

11.05 GET UP, STAND UP *(Teletext) (192893)*

11.35 NORTHERN EXPOSURE (Teletext) (s) (445034)

12.30am *LETTER FROM AMERICA* Christopher Hitchens reflects on the death penalty's enduring popularity in America (s) (81110)

1.00 THE WHITE ROOM Featuring the music of Neneh Cherry and Mark Morrison (r) (67503)

2.00 FILM: Hard to Get (b/w, 1938) Romantic comedy with Dick Powell and Olivia De Havilland. Directed by Ray Enright (5865232) Ends at **3.25**

4.00 SCHOOLS: Making Sense of Science (12868)

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SKY 1

7.00am Love Connection (3657386) **7.20** Press Your Luck (3637522) **7.40** Jeopardy! (5898725) **8.10** Hotel (6774763) **9.00** Another World (5591164) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (4390580) **10.40** Real TV (7416831) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (9363812) **12.00** Geraldo (14102) **1.00pm** One to Three (64560) **3.00** Jenny Jones (37589) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (16096) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4386) **6.00** New Adventures of Superman (10885) **7.00** The Simpsons (5015) **7.30** *MASH* (4473) **8.00** Springhill (4763) **8.30** Murder Unsolved (3270) **9.00** Law and Order (40541) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (50928) **11.00** New Adventures of Superman (76893) **12.00** Midnight Caller (88487) **1.00am** LAPD (83771) **1.30** Real TV (53077) **2.00** Hit Mix (42752)

SKY 2

7.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (9141003) **8.00** Sliders (3848811) **9.00** Renegade (9448855) **10.00** New York Undercover (1674524) **11.00** Late Show (2418251) **12.00** FILM: Road to Hong Kong (3824858) **2.00am** Hit Mix (6790485)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage with bulletins on the hour 24 hours a day seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Spooky (1986) (58980) **8.00** Fate is the Hunter (1964) (75676) **10.00** The Air Up There (1994) (74633) **12.00** At Long Last Love (1975) (85299) **2.00pm** Agatha Christie's the Man in the Brown Suit (1989) (34080) **4.00** She Led Two Lives (1995) (9218) **6.00** The Air Up There (1994) (54744) **8.00** Mrs Doubtfire (1993) (35224) **10.00** The Good Son (1993) (693057) **11.35** Final Combination (1993) (268271) **1.10am** Choices of the Heart: The Margaret Sanger Story (1994) (4123690) **2.40** Death Hunt (1981) (1600138) **4.10** At Long Last Love (1975)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Rascal Dazzle (1981) (65341) **7.30** From the Earth to the Moon (1979) (4505898) **8.25** Jim's Gift (1994) (3651812) **10.00** The Remains of the Day (1993) (45945725) **12.15pm** The Pride of Jesse Hallam (1981) (762898) **2.00** Stargate (1994) (32522) **4.00** Jim's Gift (1994) (3788) **6.00** Adventures of Yellow Dog (1994) (59898) **7.30** The Making of the Craft (7163) **8.00** Stargate (1994) (57831) **10.00** Drop Zone (1994) (678258) **11.45** [illegible] Valley (1994) (38484270) **2.50am** House of Secrets (1994) (513228) **4.30** Rascal Dazzle (1981) (40874)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Rock Around the Clock (1956) (92142725) **5.20** The Leopard (1963) (34109928) **8.00** [illegible] Eagle (1991) (2866725) **10.00** School Daze (1988) (23444102) **12.05am** If (1968) (8247058) **2.00** David and Bathsheba (1951) (2855282) **3.55-5.30** Vivacious Lady (1938) (4857110)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over at 10pm.

6.00am Mouse Tracks (8929289) **6.25** Quack Attack (8931034) **6.50** Bonkers (6493947) **7.15** Darkwing Duck (6877015) **7.40** Aladdin (3185812) **8.05** Goof Troop (6208152) **8.30** Timon and Pumbaa (2087893) **8.40** Bonkers (2888541) **9.05** Mouse Tracks (6138096) **9.30** Big Garage (7615980) **9.45** Lamb Chop's Play Along! (384744) **10.15** Muppet Babies (6223066) **10.45** Adventures in Wonderland (2170386) **11.10** Quack Attack (7395367) **11.40** Under the Umbrella Tree (9398015) **12.10pm** Fraggle Rock (8316947) **12.35** Lamb Chop's Play Along! (6943003) **1.05** Mouse Tracks (69517880) **1.30** Aladdin (61759464) **1.55** Darkwing Duck (61761473) **2.25** Walt Disney Presents (6738834) **3.20** Mouse Tracks (2805725) **3.50** Bonkers (1109386) *4.15 Goof Troop* (7317831) **4.35** Darkwing Duck (7909299) **5.00** Aladdin (1597980) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (9721725) **5.35** Bonkers (289812) **6.00** Flash Forward (3805) **6.30** Blossom (5657) **7.00** Home Improvement (9015) **7.30** FILM: Kidnapped: Part Two (20378) **9.00** Eyewitness (89980) **9.30-10.00** Home Improvement (92893)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (45947) **7.20** Rebel Sports (24454) **8.00** Football: Tartan Extra (33638) **8.30** Racing News (32908) **9.00** Sports Centre (56589) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (52251) **10.00** Spanish Football League (72015) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (38725) **12.30pm** The Story of the FA Cup 1995/96 (68164) **2.30** Football: Tartan Extra (3164) **3.00** Spanish Football League (42367) **4.59** Sports Centre (7094893) **5.00** World Wrestling Federation: Blast Off (5742) **6.00** Sports Centre (4893) **6.30** Sailing: Round Britain Challenge (8473) **7.00** Ringside Boxing (703522) **10.00** Sports Centre (37454) **10.30** The Footballers' Football Show (21473) **11.30** Sailing: Round Britain Challenge (94725) **12.00** Live Golf: Grand Slam (2750042) **4.00-4.30** Sports Centre (14058)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Sports Unlimited (25254676) **1.00pm** NBA Basketball (99822947) **3.00** American Football (55241893) **5.00** Watersports World (36388657) **6.00** Sports Unlimited (25243560) **7.00** Sports Centre (36389386) **7.30** NBA Basketball (82949928) **9.30** American Football (93915015) **11.30-12.00** Sports Centre (99807638)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Speedworld (16102) **9.30** IndyCar (81831) **11.00** Sportscar (28270) **12.00** Football (60270) **1.00pm** Triathlon (86218) **2.00** Truck Racing (91638) **3.00** Motorcycling (1218) **3.30** Motorcycling (25763) **4.30** Motorcycling (8096) **5.00** Football (42386) **7.00** Truck Racing (75251) **8.00** Live Boxing (95015) **10.00** Car Racing (74522) **11.00** Motorcycling (49763) **12.00-12.30** Four-Wheels (99665)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am Runway (8879454) **6.30** Sounds Like a Story (65409947) **6.45** Time for a Story (77989676) **7.00** Alphabet Zoo (2631367) **7.15** Sounds Like a Story (6775270) **7.30** The Ghosts of Motley Hall (7186386) **8.00** Classic Coronation Street (1616812) **8.30** *Runway* (1615183) **9.00** Families (1639763) **9.30** Crown Court (5744744) **10.00** World in Action (7598657) **10.30** Poor Little Rich Girls (1635947) **11.00** Coasting (5188116) **12.00** *Classic Coronation Street* (1626299) **12.30pm** A Fine Romance (5748560) **1.00** Crown Court (1586152) **1.30** Families (5747831) **2.00** Made in Heaven (7599386) **3.00** Poor Little Rich Girls (7680831) **3.30** Family Affairs (7178638) **4.00** Medics (1987893) **5.00** Point (7871183) **6.00** Classic Coronation Street (7187522) **6.30** *Families* (7181102) **7.00** The Grumbleweeds Radio Show (7872812) **7.30** A Fine Romance (7187386) **8.00** Point (6126367) **9.00** Classic Coronation Street (5509876) **9.35** Good Life Guide (1597367) **10.00-11.00** Medics (6149218) **From 11.00pm-2.00am Men and Motors**

Burt Lancaster and Claudia Cardinale (Sky Movies Gold, 5.20pm)

GRANADA GOOD LIFE

From 6.00am-9.00 TV High Street. *Includes consumer news and features and* Your Stars presented by Russell Grant
From 9.00-12.00 Food and Wine. Includes recipes and ideas from Delia Smith
From 12.00-3.00pm Health and Beauty. Includes Natural Health
From 3.00-6.00 Home and Garden. Includes The Good Life Style Guide

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

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Briton may have to wait in line

Lewis likely to be third on Holyfield's list

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, IN LAS VEGAS

LENNOX LEWIS, Britain's leading world heavyweight title contender, could meet Evander Holyfield, the World Boxing Association (WBA) champion next year. It all depends on how Holyfield wants to proceed after his magnificent victory over Mike Tyson here on Saturday. He has been talking of giving Tyson a rematch and of meeting Michael Moorer, the International Boxing Federation (IBF) champion.

If Lewis wins the World Boxing Council (WBC) title by defeating Oliver McCall in January, and Holyfield acquires Moorer's title, he might well decide to meet Lewis to become the undisputed world champion again. Lewis, of course, would be delighted to be given the chance to win the unified title. He has the style to beat Holyfield.

Even though Holyfield has close ties with Main Events, the New Jersey promotion company behind Lewis, it is most likely that Lewis will be third on Holyfield's list. After Moorer in the early part of next year, Holyfield is expected to give Tyson his rematch in June. It could be the most important boxing event of 1997.

Such a course might suit Lewis, who in the meantime could be consolidating his position, not so much as a WBC champion but as the third best heavyweight in the world by fighting Riddick Bowe and Henry Akinwande. Once Lewis has beaten Bowe, there is little doubt that he would get the bout with Holyfield or Tyson. The public would demand it.

Holyfield, however, might decide to do none of these things and retire, for having beaten the "Baddest Man on The Planet" and the best, he might think he has nothing more to prove. He has become the most sought-after of all American sportsmen for endorsements. His achievement is being talked of as one of the most memorable in American sport. After all, he did cut down to size a man everybody believed was an invincible monster.

Holyfield is the exact opposite of Tyson. He does not surround himself with obnoxious loud-mouthed retinue. Whereas Tyson is permanently surly, menacing and dismissive, Holyfield is quiet, co-operative and understanding. Not being connected to any racial or radical groups, he does not have the appeal of Tyson or O. J. Simpson. He is liked by black and white, blue and white-collar. Jim Murray, the sports columnist of the *Los Angeles Times*, said of Holyfield: "He is not obsequious, simply polite. Civilised, really. Miscast as a pugilist."

Lewis: should consolidate

It is thought that, because of his wide appeal, he could make up to $15 million (£9 million) in endorsements. Being the richest man in boxing, having earned around $100 million, Holyfield could well decide to live on his earnings. But being a boxer, he is likely to be enticed to carry on with huge offers in the region of $25 million a contest.

He has become the darling of the United States. Like George Foreman, he has shown Americans that boxers can succeed without being brash or arrogant.

Nobody gave him a chance against Tyson, considering him to be too old at 34 and, with his medical history, unsuitable for the daunting task before him. As Moorer said before the contest: "Holyfield just kind of hangs his head and says he will do his best. He always reminds me of a guy standing in the rain waiting for a bus that never came ... Nobody can quite figure out why Holyfield is fighting Tyson. Wouldn't it be simpler to step in front of a train?"

The result was that everybody wanted Holyfield to succeed and he did not disappoint the millions of viewers tuned in to cheer him on. Most of the 15,000 capacity crowd at the MGM Grand Garden Arena were behind him.

Being a deeply religious man, he believes his victory can confer greater glory on God. He had said before the bout: "If I beat Tyson at what people think is my weakest point, the weakest I have ever been, then that will show them how strong, how great, God is. He was there protecting me when I was at my weakest." The sentiment was uttered with spontaneity, without any thought of the wider appeal that it quite clearly will have.

From the boxing point of view, Holyfield has done the sport an important service. By his popularity, he has given the public a closer interest in boxing. The paying customer will be more critical of Tyson from now on. Once, it was all right for him to tear apart ill-equipped opponents like Peter McNeeley, Bruce Seldon, Buster Mathis and Frank Bruno. That is what monsters are supposed to do: devour hapless victims. But now that Holyfield has exposed Tyson as being not much more than a very good contender, the public will expect him to take on opponents worthy of him.

Holyfield's victory underlined the view that titles mean nothing. I cannot believe that anyone jumped up when Holyfield won and shouted: "Wow, he's won the WBA title." The series of meaningless contests that were lined up for Tyson to become undisputed champion devalued the belts.

Now is the time to get rid of all the world bodies as title-sanctioning authorities. As they do provide work for boxers, they should be kept only as clearing-houses for contenders, which is part of their role at present. The paying customer has it in his power to see that the world gets champions like Holyfield, with the best fighting the best.

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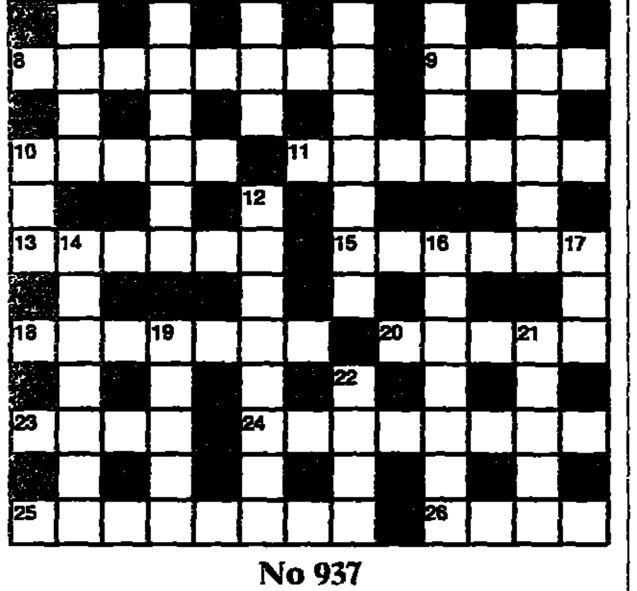

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DAVID DYSON

Zola, Chelsea's most recent signing at £4.5 million, arrives at Heathrow yesterday with his wife, Franca, en route to Stamford Bridge

Zola ready for Chelsea adventure

BY BRIAN GLANVILLE

CHELSEA yesterday presented to a packed press conference, bristling with television cameras, their new acquisition, the Italian international attacker, Gianfranco Zola.

A small, dark, modest figure in a blue cap, Zola admitted he had problems at Parma, where he had virtually been squeezed out by new signings. Above all, he said, there was less and less space on the field, less and less opportunity for technical players but he felt that this tendency would come to an end, and give players like himself more opportunity.

Colin Hutchinson, the Chelsea managing director, opening the conference, related that when Chelsea approached Parma for Zola last season they were told that the price would be £10 million. Things had changed: first with the Bosman decision, second, because Parma, as Zola himself emphasised, had been knocked out of both the Italian and the Uefa Cups.

Zola spoke surprisingly good English, and disclosed that he had been studying it for the past four years. Where would he play? That would depend on the manager.

Ruud Gullitt, the manager in question, insisted that nobody was going to be sold, that Mark Hughes, in particular, had been playing exceptionally well, and that it was possible Chelsea would play with three upfield.

Asked about the times he had played against Gullitt in Italy, Zola laughed and recalled in particular Italian Cup semi-final, "when he played us a trick: he scored against us just when we were playing well!"

"I can say that in this year in Parma it was not the ideal condition for me," Zola said. "I can say in Parma I had a lot of problems in this year. So I decided to go to play here." The important thing, he added, was that Chelsea really wanted him.

Zola insists he is neither bitter nor disappointed but, reading between the lines, the bitterness over his treatment by Parma can be discerned. "I am quite calm," he said. "I am improving, and that keeps me calm. At bottom what counts for me really is to play well. I only feel bad when I play badly."

Russell Osman, 37, the former England defender, is the new manager of Cardiff City. He made 15 appearances for the Nationwide League third division club last season and succeeds Phil Neale, who is now at Manchester City.

Yet he clearly has the sense of having been betrayed. "It should not have come to this point. The Parma team was not built to choose between me, Chiesa [the expensive striker bought from Sampdoria] and Crespo [the Argentina international]: three for two places. In the programmes, we should all three have played and without changing position. They saw that playing with three, things weren't going well, and they went back to two.

"If at the beginning of the season they had told me that I would have to change role, I would have discussed it and probably we would have found agreement. These are things which should be worked out at the start and not in the middle.

"Two weeks ago, before the game against Inter, Ancelotti, Parma's manager, asked me to play on the right. He said to me: 'Try it up to half-time,' and I did try. I gave it all I'd got, certainly. Even if I thought that in another position, I could have given more."

What really upset Zola was to discover that when he was doing his best to adjust to a deep position on the right, the Croatia international, Stanic, clearly lined up to replace him, was sitting in the stand, watching the game.

Zola says that he has now got over the disappointment of missing that crucial penalty against Germany in the European championship.

He says it will take time to settle in London with his wife, his four and five year-old daughters. "But the idea of going abroad is one I have always nurtured and every now and then I have talked about it with my wife. We are both ready to undertake this adventure.

"I understand that Chelsea is a very beautiful area and I've just learnt that there are some excellent Sardinian restaurants."

Zola is a Sardinian himself, though one who, inexplicably, was never picked up by the island's main club, Cagliari. Instead, he made his name in Naples.

Clubs advance peace process

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND'S leading clubs may edge closer to an accord with the Rugby Football Union (RFU) if they accept a revised agreement at a meeting of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) in Northampton tomorrow. They have already moderated their stand against divisional rugby, by agreeing to release players for representative games this month and in December.

That, however, is a long way from a lasting settlement. Many Epruc clubs, while desperate for a resolution to the dispute, resent what they perceive as an RFU policy designed to starve them into submission. Yet, if they are to continue in business, at least half the 24 clubs involved need to see an end to the financial logjam, so that television and sponsorship money can help to pay the wages bills.

Last night, documents representing the dispositions of both sides were crossing in the post and Donald Kerr, the Epruc chairman, said: "Part of our [modified] proposals include allowing our players to appear in [divisional] games. This is part of facilitating the peace process. But we want a review of the divisional concept for next season."

Much may depend on the proposals for a new company that will effectively run the top strata of English rugby. The RFU proposes an eight-man management board, including six Epruc representatives, one of them the chairman, and two RFU representatives, but with the union retaining a right of veto. Many club leaders would prefer four representatives from each side, an independent chairman and a degree of autonomy.

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Lloyd seeks ultimate test of strength

Alan Lee on an authoritative demand for cricket to find its true world champions

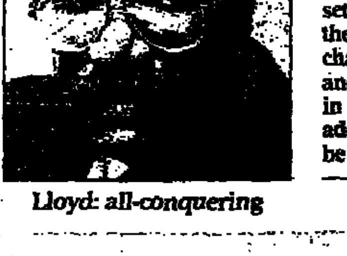
Clive Lloyd captained West Indies through a decade of invincibility and had nothing to show for it bar the respect of the vanquished. Now, newly installed as team manager, he has joined the gathering campaign for a permanent measure of cricketing power, a Test match world championship.

Cricket's obsessional democracy dictates that official wheels are turning slowly on this issue but David Richards, the chief executive of the International Cricket Council (ICC), confirmed yesterday that it remains on the agenda for discussion. "It was in my report to member countries this year and is among matters they are considering," he said.

The sooner the better. Lloyd is not the first to point out that cricket is falling behind competing sports in a fundamental marketing issue. The Test match calendar is a mess, the nine qualified nations participating neither equally nor coherently. The uninvolved glibly assume that the quadrennial one-day series grandiosely called the World Cup is actually what it says, rather than a solitary limited-overs series of significance among the endless dross of the Sahara Cup, Titan Trophy and the like. Test cricket, meanwhile, limps along without an official link between series or countries.

Lloyd's West Indies team begin a five-Test series in Australia next week, locally billed as "The Decider". The winning team will doubtless claim to be unofficial world champions. "But why unofficial?" Lloyd asked. "We are not playing unofficial Tests, so something should be set up where you play for the championship of the world. Test cricket is the thing. It's what you're known for. Nobody's known for doing anything in the one-day scene. Test cricket is the ultimate."

It is a boldly timed call by Lloyd. West Indies were unbeaten in 29 Test series until losing 2-1 at home to Australia 18 months ago. Strictly on form, they could not now claim pole position in any league table. Just who can is an interesting argument. Pakistan are obvious contenders but a recent table in *Wisden Cricket Monthly*, based on matches played over the last four years, puts South Africa narrowly ahead (England, incidentally, are an embarrassing seventh). Lloyd is scornful. "At the moment three teams think they are world champions and I find that so stupid. You'r either the champions or you're not."



Lloyd: all-conquering

Richards reports that the prospects of persuading a majority of Test countries to have their fixtures organised centrally, in order to create an ordered league, are bleak.

"A four-year programme equal for all is not a practicality," he said. "The countries simply don't want the ICC setting out their schedule for them. But a Test match championship is attractive and it is a logical progression in the game. It needs to be addressed and I hope it will be within the coming year."

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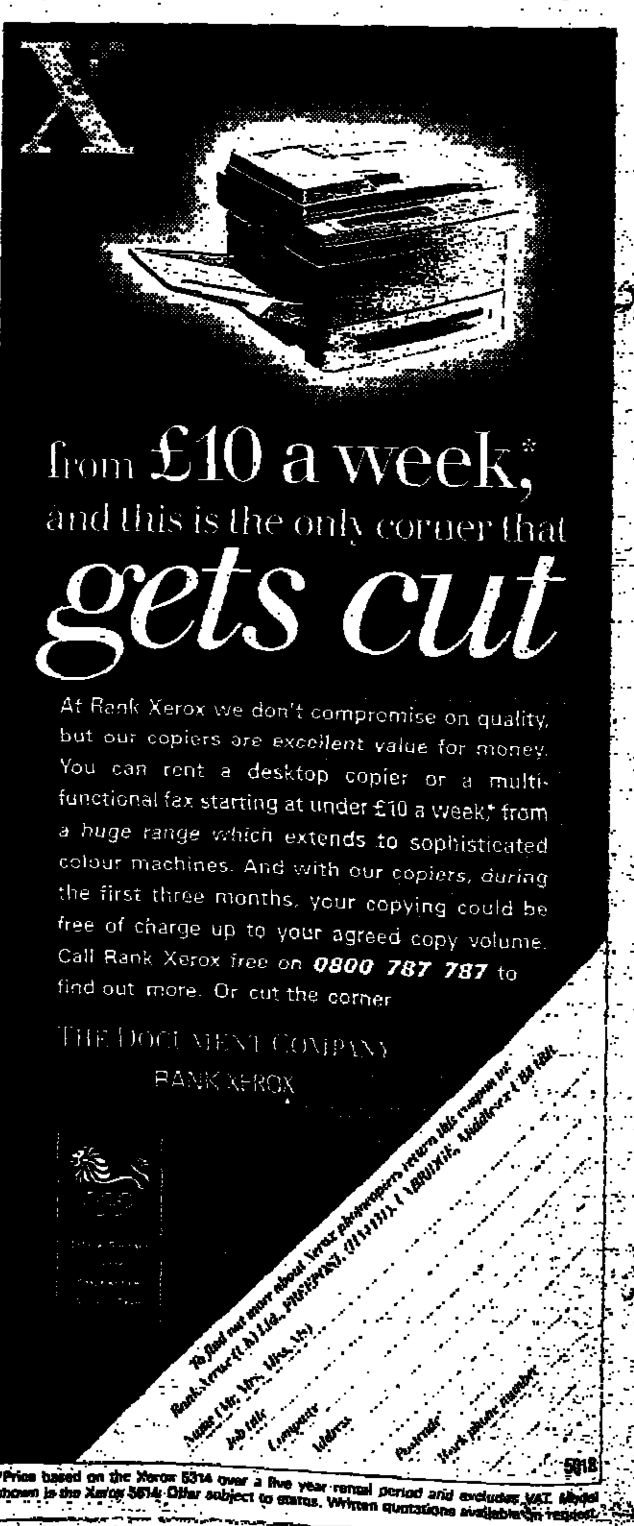
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By Michael Dynes

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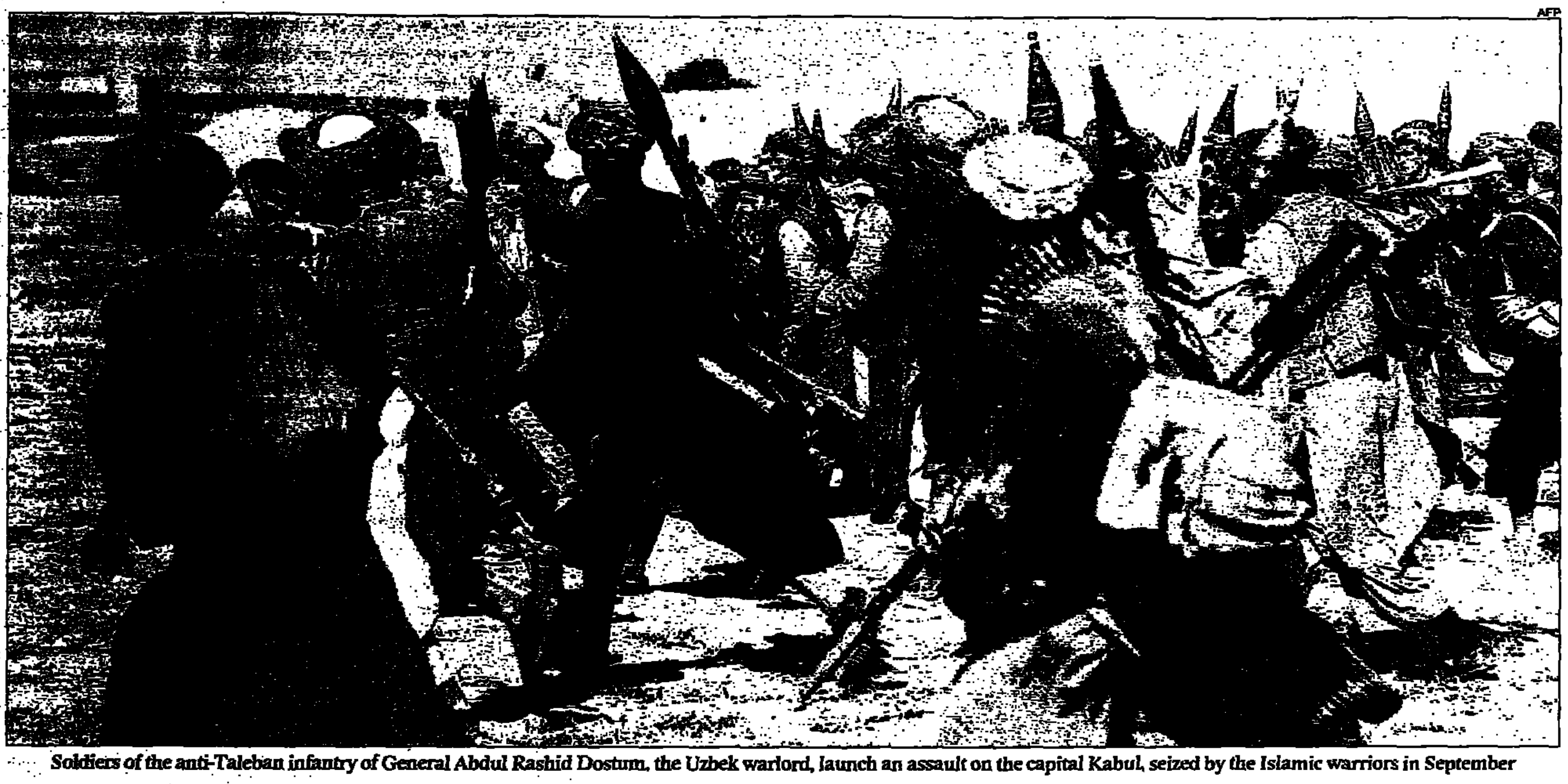
Fighting in the remote Badghis province is of considerable strategic significance since it could provide the Islamic zealots with an invasion route to the northern stronghold of General Abdul Rashid Dostum, who has joined General Ahmed Shah Masood, the ousted Government's Defence Minister, in an anti-Taleban alliance.

Despite being under Taleban control, Herat remains a Tajik city with close ties to Iran and there is growing hostility towards the occupiers.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Soldiers of the anti-Taleban infantry of General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the Uzbek warlord, launch an assault on the capital Kabul, seized by the Islamic warriors in September

Powell tipped for abinet as Clinton rebuffs the Left

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

RESIDENT CLINTON, concentrating this week on a new oreign policy team, is rejecting loyal liberals for a second-term Cabinet as he tries to fashion a bipartisan Administration of the Centre.

A schism has emerged in the White House over the appointment last week of Erskine Bowles, a banker, former aide and Clinton golfing partner, to replace Leon Panetta, the Chief of Staff.

The mention of a least three senior Republicans, including General Colin Powell, the popular former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and William Weld, the Governor of Massachusetts, as possible Cabinet choices has convinced the Left of the Democratic Party that it will hold little influence in the next four years.

Harold Ickes, the liberal Deputy Chief of Staff, had campaigned hard to succeed Mr Panetta for the important post in a second term but looked certain yesterday to be leaving the White House with only the outside prospect of a diminished role as Labour Secretary as reward for his stalwart service.

"Harold has built up a lot of loyalty at the White House," an aide said. "There's a lot of anxiety here at the moment and there certainly was blood on the floor last Friday."

Nevertheless, Mr Bowles has a track record both as a former Deputy Chief of Staff and serious businessman. The priority for Mr Clinton in 1997 is to avoid a repeat of 1992, when the President said he wanted his Administration to "look like America". Instead, it resembled a disastrous cocktail of his old Arkansas friends and campaign loyalists who set a sour tone for his first two years in office.

Alongside an ability to deal with a Republican Congress and sit squarely in the "vital Centre", the most important criterion for new Cabinet members is said to be experience. Before leaving for a holiday in Hawaii on Friday, Mr Clinton is expected to have found replacements for both Warren Christopher at the State Department and William Perry at the Pentagon, the two people who have formed a lynchpin for his foreign policy.

The position of National Security Adviser, the third key foreign policy post, appears to be a battle between the incumbent, Tony Lake, and Strobe Talbott, Mr Clinton's friend from his days as a Rhodes Scholar in Oxford. Senator George Mitchell, now overseeing American attempts at peace in Northern Ireland, is the favourite to become Secretary of State while John Deutch, the Director of the CIA, appears poised to return to the Defence Department where he was formerly Mr Perry's deputy.

Mr Clinton has not dismissed the possibility of appointing General Powell or Bill Cohen, the retiring Republican senator for Maine, to his Cabinet. Both men have said that Defence and State are the only two departments they would consider.

At the same time, Hillary Clinton is hoping to empower more women even if she is unable to take a senior position herself. The First Lady has been pressing for a serious role such as Secretary of State or National Security Adviser for Madeleine Albright, America's Ambassador to the UN.

Such a move would be made easier by the departure of Janet Reno, the Attorney-General whom both Clintons want to sack and consider politically tone deaf. If Ms Reno were to leave along with Hazel O'Leary, the Energy Secretary, the need for new women in Cabinet would be that much greater.

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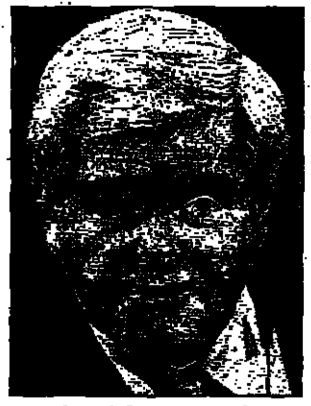

Gingrich: unpopular

Republican opposition to Gingrich

Washington: Newt Gingrich encountered the first public opposition from his Republican loyalists yesterday after a staunch supporter demanded that he relinquish the House speakership until ethics charges against him were resolved (Tom Rhodes writes).

After an election campaign in which many Republicans were forced to duck away from Mr Gingrich's unpopular and extremist reputation, a new movement has emerged in the House advocating that he should step aside in favour of Henry Hyde, the Illinois congressman and chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

"It would reduce the amount of rhetoric that we would hear on the floor for the 105th Congress and allow us to work more constructively and move forward," said Steve Largent, the Oklahoma Republican who was one of Mr Gingrich's most fervent supporters in the freshman class of 1994.

Reports of spy arrest cast shadow over Cairo talks

From Christopher Walker in Cairo

THE disappearance and rumoured arrest on spying charges of one of the few Israelis working in Cairo has cast a shadow over today's opening of the Third Arab-Israeli economic summit attended by scores of Israeli businessmen and members of Binyamin Netanyahu's Cabinet.

Last night, neither Israel nor Egyptian officials were able to confirm or deny reports that the missing man was being held for suspected espionage, as reported by an Arabic newspaper and later quoted by Israeli radio.

The Cairo conference is seen as an acid test of whether differences between Mr Netanyahu and the Arab world over peace policies could be overcome sufficiently to allow tentative economic co-operation, broached at earlier meetings in Casablanca and Amman, to continue.

The feared abduction of Azam Azam, 35, a father of four who is chief mechanic at an Egyptian-Israeli textile factory outside Cairo, has raised new fears about security at the three-day gathering. It is already being held in siege conditions because of death threats by Islamic militants opposed to the peace process.

"We do not know whether this Israeli man was arrested by the Egyptians, whether he was kidnapped or where or how he is," said Lior Ben-Dor, spokesman at the heavily guarded Israeli Embassy. "We have been asking for a meeting with the Minister of the Interior to find out, but so far we have had no answer."

Mr Azam vanished last Wednesday after ten men wearing civilian clothes and carrying walkie-talkies approached him, said his brother, Wafa, quoting the Egyptian driver of the missing man's car. One man asked for Mr Azam's passport and then bundled him into another vehicle. The driver said he believed that the members of the snatch squad were Egyptian security officials.

Last night Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, arrived in Cairo for talks with Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, who is making his diplomatic swansong to the Middle East. But earlier hopes that a deal with Israel over the evacuation of troops from Hebron could be reached during the conference were dashed after a telephone call between Mr Arafat and Mr Netanyahu, who is not attending the economic summit in Cairo and who leaves tomorrow for a ten-day visit to America.

☐ **Jerusalem:** A leading Lebanese newspaper reported that the German Government is hoping to arrange the return of Ron Arad, the missing Israeli airman, in exchange for the release of Islamic prisoners (Ross Dunn writes). Mr Arad was believed to have been captured ten years ago when his plane was shot down over Lebanon.

Israel eases security clampdown

By Ross Dunn
in Jerusalem
and Our Foreign Staff

TWO weeks after imposing a tough security clamp down, Israel has taken a "calculated risk" to allow more Palestinian workers back into the Jewish state.

The decision came into effect on Sunday despite security forces having yet to capture terrorist squads said to be at large.

A total closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip was enforced two weeks ago after warnings that Islamic Jihad planned to mark the first anniversary of the killing of its leader, Fathi Shakaki.

Now Yitzhak Mordechai, the Israeli Defence Minister, decided to allow up to 35,000 workers back into Israel.

Meanwhile, Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday came close to blaming Israel for the renewed West Bank violence, underlining his disapproval of the decision to expand settlements.

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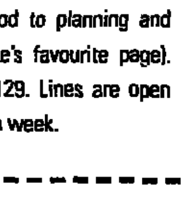

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The genius with a soul built from microchips

Bill Gates, the elusive chairman of Microsoft, tries hard not to reveal his inner self and personal dreams. Interview by **Noreen Taylor**

I had been warned by Text 100, the public relations people who look after Microsoft in Britain, not to ask Bill Gates about his wife or his personal life.

What will happen if I do?

"He'll just stand up and walk out. He's done it before. Or he'll become very angry, uncooperative and freeze you."

Can I ask his new baby's name?

"We'll get back to you with that information later if we can."

Another Gates aide thought I ought to know that "a lot of people find Bill scary, the fact that he's so intelligent".

Actually Bill isn't so intimidating. Elusive, yes. Puzzling, maybe. And certainly a personality with all the warmth of a tray of ice-cubes. But not frightening. In fact, I could swear a shadow of fear flickered across his face — cute in a boyish, freckled way — when I mentioned the word emotion.

Not that he broke down or anything. He crossed his arms, protecting his personal space, and swivelled his eyes across the room to where a Text 100 aide was waiting, as if to say: this is not a neat departure from my agenda, guys.

Imagine an extraterrestrial's reactions when first confronted with humanoid life and you're close to Bill's response if the conversation wanders off Microsoft or computers.

Of course, he's weird. After all, the man's a genius. Chairman and co-founder of Microsoft, he's considered one of the century's foremost thinkers. A frontier scout, exploring the canyons of cyberspace, blazing trails where no hacker has dared take his mouse. Bill is probably the most brilliant programmer of the age, as well as one of its most ruthlessly competitive and successful businessmen.

There's no such word as hyperbole when you're in the presence of the king of kings, the master of all universes, the richest American citizen, whose personal fortune is estimated at $13 billion (£8 billion). Awesome or what?

He could be, were it not for the packaging. Bill's personal software is, well, drab. The wrinkled brown suit, worn with a striped shirt of some dubious synthetic material, and a hairstyle only seen on Mormon missionaries in the Seventies, is somehow distracting. It diminishes the aura of greatness, activating the nerd label he has never managed to delete.

Who is sending him out like this? I mean, he's been married for three years to Melinda French, an extremely attractive Microsoft computer products manager. And here he is, stretching, yawning, scratching and looking more crumpled than a railway ticket inspector at the end of a shift. As the yawning subsides he explains that he flew in from Seattle the previous day. So you're jet-lagged?

> 'I worry a little more now that I have a daughter'

"A little tired. I like to have six hours sleep since my reflexes work better that way," he answers in a high-pitched monotone, not unlike one of those electronic recordings that interrupts when you've dialled the wrong number.

We're in the Science Museum in South Kensington, where he has been conducting a question and answer session with school-children. Bill gave the attentive computer students an outline of a world ten years hence. He described how voice-activated computers would render all other hardware obsolete. We should greet machines as the great liberators, he said, freeing us from mediocre tasks to pursue a life of leisure. With the audience, he appeared comfortable, likeable, mischief flitting across a face too impish for 41 years. A great deal more comfortable, I might add, than he was in the 45 minutes he spent with me.

Perhaps leading off with a question about the nerd label was unwise. "I dunno. I dunno why so much attention is paid to me. There are hundreds of smart people in my business, the people who work for me, my competitors. There are many in my field leading comparatively anonymous lives. But I've chosen to be head of Microsoft, so I accept debate is healthy, scepticism reasonable."

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"I'm very lucky. I get to work with smart people who are creating important products. I've got the most fun job around. Yes, I have reclusive qualities"

Often, after a question he would stare back at a point beyond my left shoulder, with a look of bewilderment and irritation, as though I was addressing him in Serbo-Croat and he was waiting for the translator to begin.

Asking him to describe feelings such as happiness, or his sense of fulfilment at such epoch-making achievements, was especially tricky.

"I'm very lucky. I get to work with smart people who are creating important products. I've got the most fun job around. Yes, I have reclusive qualities, you could lock me in a room with 20 books and I'd be very happy. Then I'd be equally comfortable locked in a room with a group of people and a pack of cards. A couple of years playing bridge would be neat, too."

> 'My parents sent me to a private school to sort me out'

Neat, fun, smart, cool, and hardcore (Microsoft jargon for long hours) form a substantial part of Bill's vocabulary. "I'm fairly optimistic, though perhaps I worry a little more now, now that I have a daughter. Is she well? Is she safe?"

A chink in the personal security fence appeared. Seizing the moment, I asked if fatherhood had altered his attitude and his work habits. "I always knew I was going to have kids — and there's certainly a magic element to it — but I don't think it's altered my views of the world.

"I don't sit up all night like I did when I was 21. I like to go home to sleep. But I still do hardcore because it's what I enjoy doing. I'm pushing forward the whole time, not out of a sense of restlessness or frustration; but because my aim has not changed. And that is to make computers available for everyone."

The $50 million, futuristic building he plans to move into next summer stands on 415 feet of Lake Washington shore: 80 per cent of the house is underground.

One of Bill's favourite novels is *The Great Gatsby*. I suggested that perhaps he does have a romantic heart, since Fitzgerald's hero lived in a mansion where lawns lead to a waterfront. The comparison seemed to annoy him.

"Gatsby had a deck to walk on from where he was able to see the light from Daisy's house. Gatsby collected things. He represented opportunity. You can do or have anything. An American view Fitzgerald found naive." A smug cackle and a wave of his hand signalled that the topic was closed.

If it is within his communicating skills to illuminate the inner man and allow an understanding of his personal passions or hopes, it's clear he has chosen not to. It's tempting to imagine that Bill has been assembled from a box of optic wires and microchips.

Glimpses of a clever, energetic child with leadership qualities who became fascinated by computers when he was one are all he wants to share.

Money is not what detonates his ambition. Results, moving forward, being with smart people. Firing an employee would upset him, he admits: "Though I rarely have to do that since people I hire have to be pretty smart to start off with. I surround myself with people who argue with me. That's what they're paid to do. I'm far from being the hierarchical chief, surrounded by yes men."

Microsoft and his fortune will not be inherited by his children. "I believe that to be a dangerous practice. They'll have enough to be comfortable with. The rest I plan on donating to charities."

Speculating that he must have been a model child, one who rarely rebelled, who gave drugs, drinks, wild parties a wide berth, I almost missed the whispered response.

You did or didn't?

"I did. I said I did all those things. I was deeply rebellious which is why my parents sent me to a private school. To sort me out. I'm glad they did, those guys certainly whipped me into shape."

His eyes swivelled again towards the woman in the corner. "You have five more minutes," she announced.

Later that evening Text 100 called. They had been permitted to reveal his daughter's name: Jennifer Catherine. I told them I was grateful. They understood.

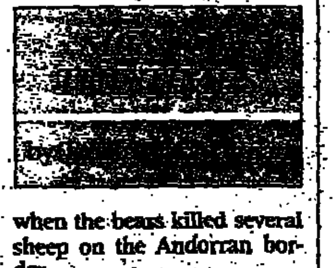
A revolt over the bear necessities

TWO young brown bears from Slovenia have sparked a passionate peasant rebellion in the Spanish Pyrenees where, once upon a time, thousands of brown bears frolicked.

But years of unchecked hunting, the felling of forests, and the spread of farms took a catastrophic toll on the bear population. Today a mere eight beasts survive on either side on the Franco-Spanish border.

Alarmed that the region would soon lose its bears altogether, this summer, the French Government bought Giva and Melva, two female Slovenian brown bears, and released them in the mountains, where it was hoped that they would go forth and multiply.

Instead they went to Spain, having slaughtered a few French sheep along the way. French shepherds duly alerted their Catalan counterparts, causing serious panic among shepherds right across the Spanish Pyrenees.



As if sensing their unpopularity, the young bears lay low for a month or so, but they could not resist the temptation of Spanish sheep forever. Two weeks ago, the bears fell upon a flock at night, near Viella, killing 15 sheep. The sight the next morning was not a pretty one: sheep lay everywhere, strewn bloodily across a picture-postcard meadow. And when the beasts killed several sheep on the Andorran border.

It was too much for the Spanish shepherds. "We don't want these bears here," said Manuel Barella, head of the Shepherds' Association of Viella, after a fiery meeting over compensation with representatives of the regional Government. "We don't just want compensation. We want our mountains to be safe."

THE government explanation, that the bears are just "stoking up" before they go into hibernation, has cut no ice with the local farmers. One said: "That's all very well. But what happens when these beasts wake up? I know. They will be ripping out the guts of my poor sheep again."

The worried shepherds have been bought off for the moment, with a government promise to pay them £190 for every savaged carcass. But Giva and Melva, clearly, are on probation. The conservationists, meanwhile, are helpless before the forces of nature. Bears will always be bears and shepherds will al-

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Thunder at Mortlake: from the film *True Blue*, Dominic West (playing the part of Donald Macdonald, president of the Dark Blues) celebrates his team's victory and in real life (right) Andy Lobbenberg, cox, and the author

Mutiny – or just a nasty row?

Gavin Stewart, who rowed at stroke for Oxford University in the 1987 Boat Race, compares his recollection of the famous rebellion with that portrayed in the film *True Blue*

True Blue, which tells the story of the 1987 Oxford Boat Race mutiny, might best be described as *Chariots of Fire* meets *Rocky IV*. Nostalgia for a probably non-existent golden age of amateur sport and a healthy dose of xenophobia are combined with great photography, rousing music and the idea that the ultimate in modern training for a rower is running around the woods in a blizzard.

However, as with *Chariots of Fire*, *True Blue* is better than it sounds. Although the dialogue is often bad — at one point the hero declares "I need good men, not simply good oarsmen" — it contains easily the best rowing I've seen in the cinema; most of the performances are decent and the result is streets better than other Boat Race films, such as *Oxford Blue*, the 1980s vehicle for Rob Lowe. I'm sure it will play well to rowing audiences, but the sport itself has proved so inscrutable to outsiders that there remains a big question over its wider appeal.

I would be wishing it well, if it didn't play around with recent history in which I was involved. Watching yourself portrayed on screen is a strange experience — I'm the moody one with the Ulster accent, but you won't hear my name, because, like most of us, I had it changed in the script. Much that is in the film — which carries the usual disclaimer — didn't happen; one of the more childish examples is a scene in which the Oxford crew throw food at mug shots of their Cambridge opponents.

The film is based on the book of the same name by Dan Topolski, world champion lightweight oarsman and legendary Oxford coach, who makes a cameo appearance as the race umpire.

The book tells Dan's version of the "mutiny": some nasty Yanks try to hijack a great British institution, but are heroically repelled by Donald Macdonald, the noble Scottish president of the Oxford University Boat Club. Helped by Topolski's mythical coaching methods, Macdonald then goes on to win the Boat Race in a thunderstorm.

Gavin Stewart: close fight

Surely it was one of amateur sport's finest hours. I appear as one of the fairly character-free other Brits in the crew — I stare at my feet and say "unconscionable" a lot.

The film tries to be more subtle than the book — I only say "unconscionable" once — and it works hard at creating some balance. But there is never much doubt who the goodies and baddies are. This robs the film of much of the tension of the real-life events and dilemmas.

The three main premises of book and film are that the American rowers didn't want to train hard, that they started the "mutiny" and that the result was good for the Boat Race. None of these accords with my memory.

First the training: I started rowing at Oxford, and grew up in the sport believing that Dan's training programme was state of the art. However, by the time I made Isis (the reserve crew) in 1986 it was obvious that the programme had become corrupted — little happened when or how it was meant to, and sessions were as much about hanging around as training hard.

We often spent six hours doing two hours' training. Worse, Oxford's loss in 1986, its first since 1975, prompted Dan not to reassess his programme but merely to increase it. If I had turned up at Oxford that year having rowed internationally, I would have been horrified at the time-wasting and lack of quality training.

As it was, I mostly despaired at my chances of doing any studying. The Americans had all these reactions, and enough self-confidence to say so. They made a difference, and I thank them for it; it helped Oxford to win.

As for the Americans starting the "mutiny", well they didn't. Without going into arcane detail, the "mutiny" happened because the squad had lost respect for Donald Macdonald as president, not least because he made it clear that he had a guaranteed seat, with the rest of the squad fighting for the other seven. This was taken seriously because the presidents of Oxbridge boat clubs select the crews. The belief grew that "someone was going to get screwed" so that Donald could row. The selection system had lost credibility.

The spark was the decision to set aside the result of a trial between Donald and one of the Americans, giving them both seats and dropping another (British) rower. In truth, the Americans began by supporting British rowers, not the other way round. Film and book both miss this completely. In retrospect, the "mutiny" was always a lost cause once it became public.

Ultimately three of us decided to row, largely because we had not yet done much in the sport. Others, all American and (more relevantly) world medallists, decided not to; if I had won my medal three years earlier, my own decision might have been different.

As for the result, well, it depends. Winning the race was personally more of a relief than a victory. I wanted to go back next year and do it right, which, fortunately, I was able to do. For 1988, the college captains elected as president one of the infamous non-rowing Yanks — a nice irony, and a public sign that all was not as it had been portrayed. A lot changed, including the training programme, helping Oxford to win the next five races. However, Cambridge modernised more quickly, and have won each year since 1993. The saga continues.

The "affair" itself left me with a sour taste in my mouth, and a few premature grey hairs. But I made some lasting friends (British and American) and rowed in some fast boats. Reading back, I am still astounded by the anti-American tone of much of the press. There was too much good headline writing and not enough good journalism. The film too, ultimately falls into this trap, and is consequently less than it might have been.

● True Blue, *which has a royal premiere tonight, opens in London on Friday, and nationwide from November 22.*

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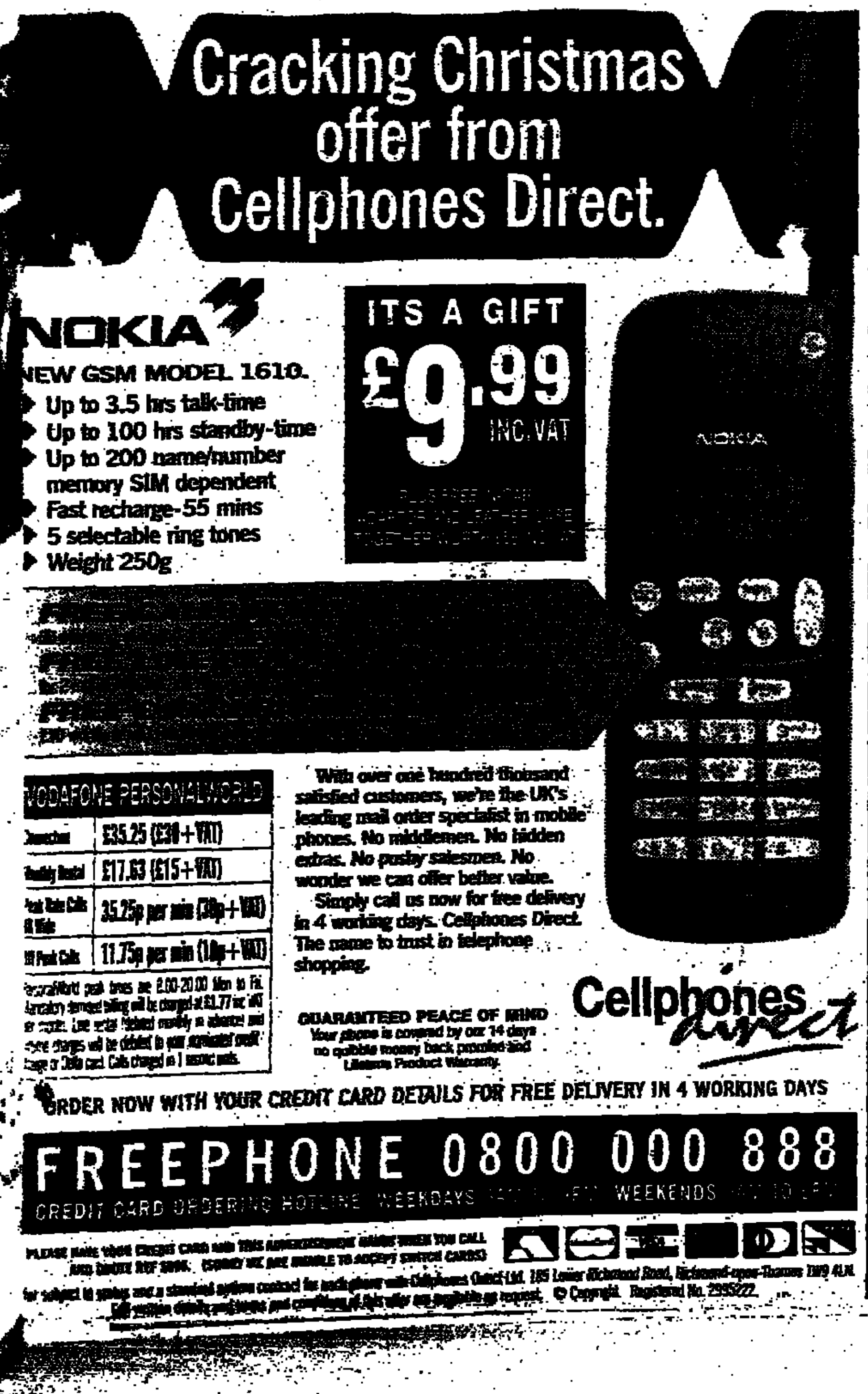

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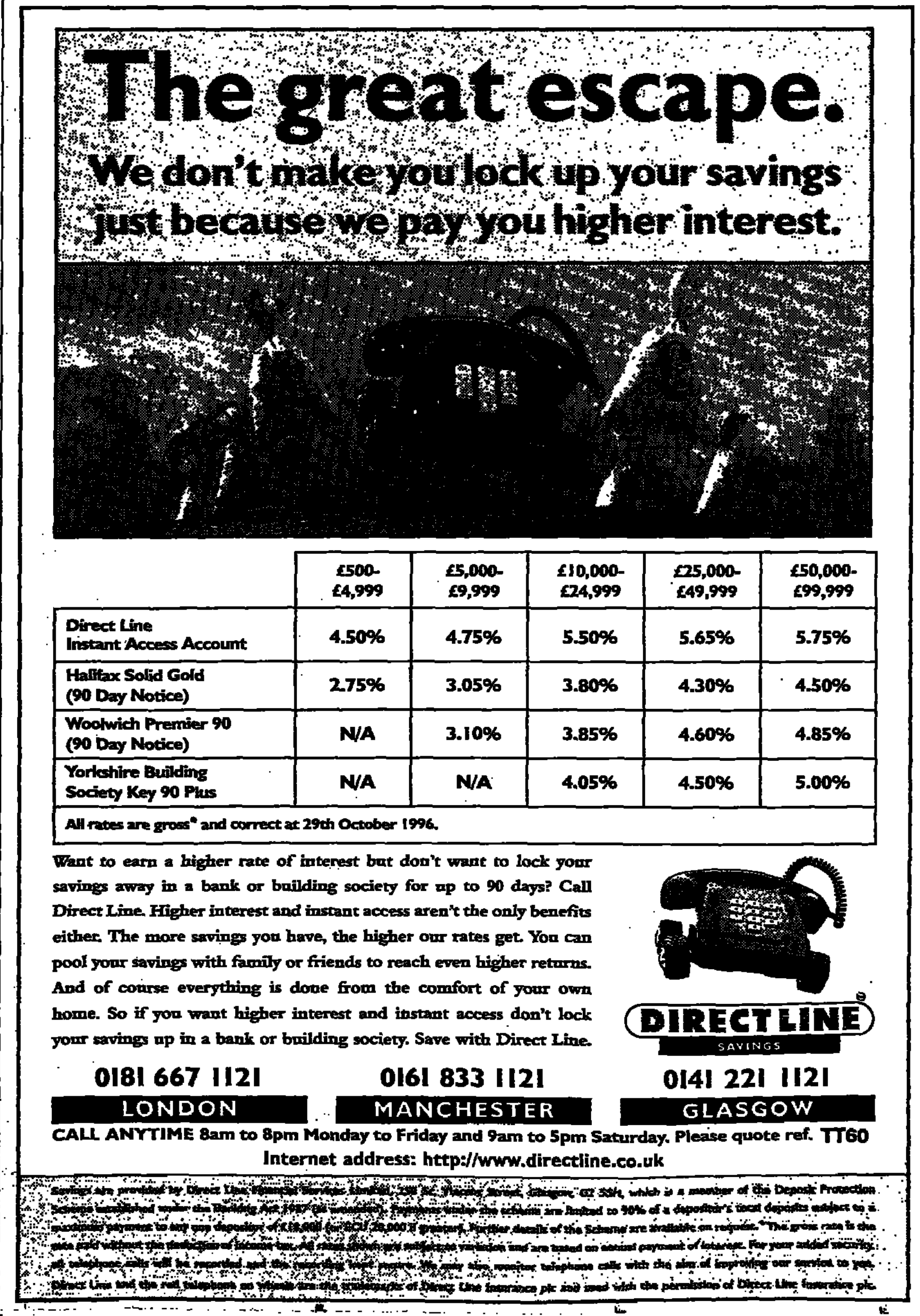

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Doing less – but doing it better?

Bronwen Maddox expects few thrills in Clinton's second term

Early this summer, President Clinton sat for several hours with his political consultant, the now-disgraced Dick Morris, ranking American Presidents in order of greatness. According to Clinton's biographer David Maraniss, the pair concluded that he was then only in the third rank, but if re-elected could move up to the second.

As the President flies off to Hawaii on holiday on Friday, his re-election accomplished, he will be taking respite from challenges greater than repairing an Administration depleted by resignations. America faces more acute problems in the future than in his first term, while the constraints on his power have grown. If he wants to enhance his place in history he will have to find answers, but despite his flurry of campaign promises, it is unclear how he will do so.

The election, which gave Democrats the White House and Republicans control of both Houses of Congress, sent complex messages about the American mood. Voters gave Mr Clinton credit for the rosy economy and forgave him his string of affairs with beauty queens. But the public wants neither the liberalism of the first two years of the Clinton presidency — best symbolised by the issue of gays in the military — nor the revolutionary zeal of Newt Gingrich, which shut down the government.

> Modest social reforms are all his staff now expect

The United States is not short of problems that require radical solutions. Medicare — its healthcare system for the elderly — will be bankrupt by 2002; on some estimates, it is bust already. Social security needs repair almost as urgently. But the message of the election is that Americans are not looking to federal government for paternalistic solutions like Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal.

Mr Clinton — who has been described as "breathtakingly pragmatic", was re-elected because he correctly judged that mood. On the campaign trail, he foreswore grandiose proposals such as the aborted healthcare reforms of his first term, and instead scattered handfuls of micro-policies over voters' heads: tax breaks for college education, subsidising schools' access to the Internet, letting new mothers stay an extra night in hospital.

But the public's wariness of government has left him with a Republican-controlled Congress from which he can expect few favours. Despite the talk of bipartisan harmony, Republicans are furious at the way Mr Clinton co-opted their most popular themes of balanced budgets and welfare reform while attacking them for extremism. They would now like the luxury of placing policy failures — especially Medicare — at their opponents' door. "I think we'll sit back and hear what the President has to say," said Trent Lott, the Senate majority leader, on Sunday.

Republicans will also hold the President to his campaign commitment to have a balanced budget in sight by 2000. That self-imposed burden is made heavier, as he acknowledged on Sunday, by the fact that the economy is now slowing down. Meanwhile, the Republicans will hound Mr Clinton over Whitewater; they are already sniffing at the scent of campaign finance as an equally promising scandal.

Ironically, pushing through reform in these circumstances will require not the skills of the campaign trail, but those perfected by Bob Dole, the defeated Republican candidate, in his three decades in the Senate. It will also take clarity: Mr Clinton will have to pick from his many election promises the few with which to make his mark.

Despite the charge of many Republicans that Mr Clinton will revert to the liberal stance of his first two years, this seems unlikely. He boasts that he has refashioned the Democratic Party in the past two years to be a "modern, moderate party". For that reason, he will probably approach the tortuous question of federal entitlements gingerly. Mr Clinton is equivocating over whether to appoint his wife Hillary to a welfare reform commission, in a potentially inflammatory echo of her ill-fated healthcare panel. If he cannot get Republican co-operation on bipartisan committees, and so share the responsibility, it seems likely that attempts at reform will quietly stall.

Foreign policy — the traditional refuge of second-term Presidents faced with tough domestic problems — offers Mr Clinton no haven. He will have to decide quickly whether to prolong the American troops' stay in Bosnia, and whether to involve himself further in Ireland.

It seems likely that education will be the issue to which he devotes most attention. His metaphor of "a bridge to the 21st century" appears to mean the extension of educational opportunities. In focusing on education, he would be harking back to his success as Governor of Arkansas, where he was credited for the energy he devoted to school reform, even though the actual changes were small.

These reforms — an expansion of college education, and a modest tinkering with healthcare and welfare — are all that his staff privately expect of the second term. His critics are probably right to say that he will probably be remembered as a gifted politician rather than a great President. But that is less a failing in his character than a quality demanded by an electorate sceptical of big government. For Mr Clinton to try to use federal government to bring about radical change would be to go beyond his mandate. From the perspective of the next century his second term may not look like a period of historic change, but judged by the standards of what the electorate wants and Congress permits, it may still deserve praise.

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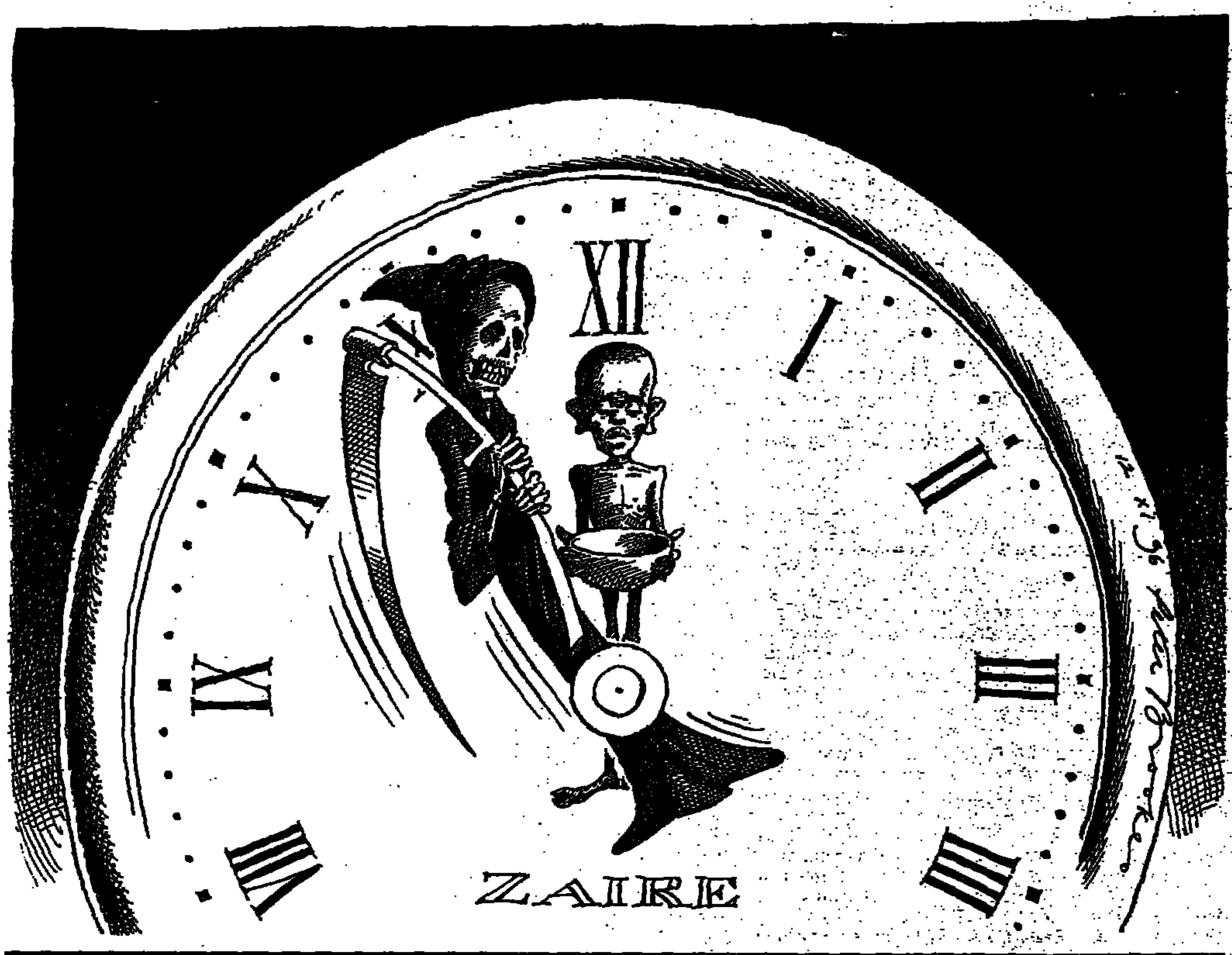


Broad enough for gays

If we want homosexuals to be part of mainstream society, Southwark is right

Libby Purves

Two thousand homosexual Christians will gather at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday, and hold a separate festival in Glaziers' Hall (possibly as a reminder that heterosexuals also live in glass houses, and should be wary of throwing stones). Because some of these rejoicing gays will be clergy who want the two loves of their lives to be accepted as compatible, the event will to some degree endanger the nervous compromise which is current Church of England policy on ordaining practising homosexuals.

Indeed the whole shenanigans might cause a schism: the Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev Richard Harries, says so. But the Southwark preacher, the Bishop of Guildford, says the Church itself has been "wicked" in its treatment of homosexuals and must repent. He talks of finding "a richer and deeper understanding" of the Church's tradition on sexuality: a phrasing which will bring the opponents out shrieking with fury, because when a liberal churchman talks of anything "richer and deeper" in the sexuality line, there is a sincere group of Christians, generally grouped around the Rev Tony Higton, who interpret this as talking dirty.

I had no intention of joining in this row. A robust *Thought for the Day* on Radio 4 attacking the Southwark service by Anne ("I am not homophobic") Atkins was met a few weeks ago by equally robust fury from the gay Christian lobby. This in turn inspired the average busy Christian-in-the-street with an overwhelming desire to push the lot of them into some very cold water. Or perhaps to set them some useful task, such as persuading the clergy of Lincoln Cathedral to behave (did you hear Dr Brandon Jackson on Sunday morning on Radio 4, demanding that the cathedral be closed for six months and exorcised because an evil force is preventing him getting on with the sub-dean? So do you still think the Church of England has nothing more pressing to worry about than a few mild-mannered gay vicars?) Anyway, of all available controversies, the praying gays of Southwark seemed a good one to avoid. I wore my white feather with pride.

But it will not do. Too big an issue is raised, and too many evils will accrue from a failure to look at it straight. A schism in the Church of England would be a pity, but is frankly the least of the troubles we will call down on ourselves if we do not resolve to sling out both the prudery of the past and the political correctness of the present, and take a collected look at what we think of homosexuality and what we ask of homosexuals.

We are having a moral crisis, so they tell us: over child abuse, delinquency, family breakdown, random violence, and the kind of dimwitted macho amorality which killed Philip Lawrence. More than at any time since the war, there is a sense abroad that the covered wagons must now be drawn round in a circle and a laager prepared by worried and well-intentioned citizens to hold back barbarism. It is time to decide whether we want our homosexual brothers and sisters inside that laager or outside it. If we are trying to confirm our values of family life, human decency and sexual conduct, it is not only a matter of humanity to include them (and grant them certain important sorts of parity); it is sheer practical self-interest.

That homosexual desire is not a sin or a crime is more or less universally accepted now. Even the Vatican says that what is inborn is morally neutral. The desire for a member of one's own sex as lover and lifelong partner is no longer widely seen as something you must be "cured" of by electrodes or hypnotism or exorcism. Most heterosexuals probably think of it with a vague pity, as just one of those damn things; and feel sorry for those who are born that way merely because their lives are going to be awkward and their hopes of parenthood problematical.

Unfortunately, general tolerance has not prevented the cruelties of gay-bashing or the superstitious discrimination of some employers. Extreme attitudes breed extreme responses: so we have had shrill, angry campaigns of marching and "outing" and sticking pink triangles on statues of Field Marshal Montgomery and generally overstating the gay case. Being officiously told you can't do something always makes you want to affirm loudly that yes, you can — as often as you like, with bells on. So we on the middle ground who do not want to be offensive have been forced by campaigning groups such as OutRage to focus on the campy extremes, and to nod in helpless acquiescence at a gay "culture" based on the promiscuity and exhibitionism of a very few. We have even, toes curling with kindly embarrassment, put up with the absurdities of PC pamphlets for schools which pretend to muddled teenagers that they are as likely to turn out homosexual as not, and that if they do, the obvious solution is not to search for a faithful lifelong love but to "experiment" and "explore your sexuality" without guilt. Which any honest adult, of any orientation, could tell them is a sure way to mess up several lives.

What we desperately lack is a supply of monogamous, faithful, responsible, rather boring homosexual role-models, especially men. They exist: longstanding couples, pillars of society, kindly people who get on with their lives and in some cases bring up children. Understandably though, given the freewheeling, cruising, cottaging, clubbing, amyl-nitrite sniffing, squealingly embarrassing image projected by most gay campaigners, and the matching tabloid outrage from those who are terrified of "poofs", such people keep their heads down.

The result is that if your son or mine comes home one day and says he is gay, we will tremble for his future. We will be afraid he will fall among these people and be wrongly given the impression that the mysterious quirk of loving your own sex means compulsory promiscuity, uncomfortably tight trousers and reading shy-makingly explicit magazines. The gay subculture is welcome to itself, but we need a gay superculture, too. A ceremony of gay marriage — or at least of formal commitment before society — would help.

And, returning to Southwark, so could gay Christians. Set aside the theology for a moment: there is certainly a serious debate yet to be completed on the subject of homosexual acts. The explicit biblical prohibitions are on a par, some think, with other ritual-purity rules from Leviticus which modern Christians do not follow, and with injunctions from St Paul which include keeping women from speaking in church. Let all that be soberly debated. But in the meantime, just consider what the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement actually wants to do at Southwark Cathedral.

They do not want to flirt, expose themselves, dress up as Marilyn Monroe, corrupt passing youth, tie one another up with leather thongs or fling off all their clothes. They want to pray. They want to give thanks for their lives, their human and divine loves, the spiritual richness of religion. Some are noisy and flamboyant, certainly, but most are mild, thoughtful, morally rather conventional people for whom sexual acts play an appropriately small part in the scheme of things. I have met and questioned two of them over the past five years, one in London and one in Darlington, and met their partners and parishioners too: I have never met more gentle, dedicated vicars.

Moreover, parishioners know it. The fact is that ordinary churchgoers are quite ready to accept that the middle-aged chap who helps with the flowers and puts the hymn numbers up is, effectively, the rector's wife. One elderly parishioner confided, in Darlington: "It's been such a relief to find out they don't have to be like Julian Clary. Quite a new outlook, it's given us." Indeed. As one vicar observed to me in more than marital terms, five years ago in his rectory in London with his friend Ray sitting quietly by, smiling at the absurdity of the conversation: "Sex is really not so important. We are bound together more by shared memories and beliefs, and going to Sainsbury's and planning our holidays and looking after the cats."

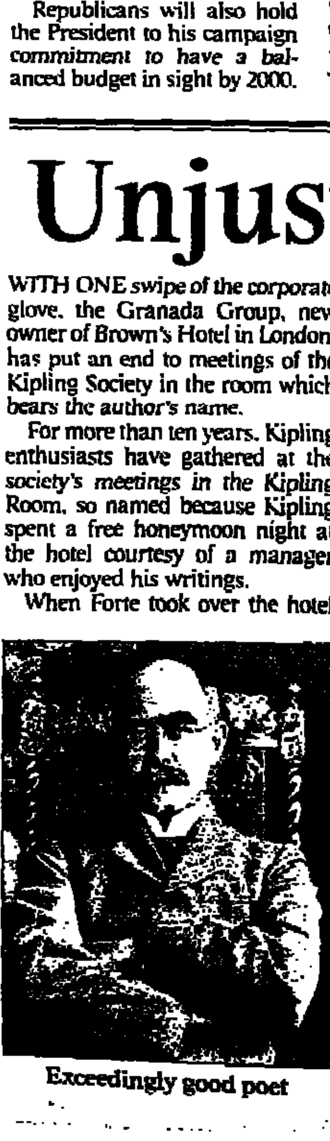
Goodness, how much we need more public homosexuals like that. Think how they could demystify and debunk the genital obsession of our time. If it is in the power of the broadest of churches to give them to us, the C of E could do us all a favour.

Unjust, so . . .

DIARY

WITH ONE swipe of the corporate glove, the Granada Group, new owner of Brown's Hotel in London, has put an end to meetings of the Kipling Society in the room which bears the author's name.

For more than ten years, Kipling enthusiasts have gathered at the society's meetings in the Kipling Room, so named because Kipling spent a free honeymoon night at the hotel courtesy of a manager who enjoyed his writings.


Exceedingly good poet

When Forte took over the hotel from the Savoy Group, it kept up the tradition of allowing the society to use the room free of charge. But Granada, whose stock in trade is television rentals and motorway service stations, has no literary pretensions, and wants £450 for use of the room.

"The price was beyond our means," says Michael Smith, the secretary. "We have moved to the Travellers Club."

Andrew Lycett, who is writing a biography of the author, is saddened. "It's a great shame: the Kipling Room was an entirely appropriate venue." Despite numerous requests, Granada failed to offer any mitigation.

Netscape

FOOTBALL LATEST: the life of Tommy Lawton — perhaps the greatest of all English centre forwards — is to be commemorated in a stage play commissioned by the former *Coronation Street* actor and Everton FC director Bill Kenwright.

Lawton excelled at the flicked-header, despite his heavily-slicked, centre-parted hair. But business failed to come naturally after his football career, and he endured a string of court appearances for minor financial peccadilloes.

"He was a complicated man, very politicised, and did not suffer fools," says the playwright William Ivory of the former Everton and England player who died last Wednesday and whose funeral takes place today. "The saddest thing is that he won't be at the opening."

Miller's tale

NO SHORTAGE of research on Daniel Day-Lewis's part for his role in Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, which is currently being made into a film. He's been walking out with Rebecca Miller, daughter of the playwright.

Day-Lewis, who rode to work on a horse throughout the filming, is famously coy about his relationships. When asked at the end of an interview: "Whom did you meet first, Arthur or Rebecca?" he replied, "It is a good thing you asked me this at the end or I would have left immediately."

Race is on

FROM AINTREE comes the rattle of the begging pail, as the racecourse launches an appeal to build a monument to Captain Martin Becher, a giant of Aintree and Grand National lore. In the first National, run in 1839, Becher went and hid in the brook at the sixth fence after coming off his horse, Conrad. The sixth is still known as Becher's Brook.

After much research, the administrators have found Becher's grave, unmarked, in Paddington Old Cemetery. They want to have a gravestone in place by November 22, the first day of the Becher's meeting, and have put out the call for any descendants to come forward — with chequebooks. If they are worthy heirs to a man who once rode 700 miles in two weeks to compete at race meetings, they will stump up sharpish.

"I can't stomach the grilled Willetts"

● *Trivia from the American presidential campaign: whenever Bill Clinton moves into a crowd to meet the people, a secret service agent is detailed to stand behind him with his hands on the presidential hips steering him from behind. If the President goes too fast, or slow, or too far into the throng, he receives, like a racehorse, a firm slap on the thigh.*

New model

THERE'S NO sentiment in supermodelling, as shown by Metropolitan Models, the agency recently abandoned by Claudia Schiffer. They have taken no time in replacing the creamy Miss Schiffer with a young replacement. Diana Gaertner is also blonde and blue-eyed — but crucially, at 19, she's seven years younger. Schiffer, at 26, is modelling mutton.

Waif hello, Diana

"She is young, fresh, new — and she has beautiful skin," says an insider at Metropolitan — as opposed, presumably, to ropey old *Hausfrau* Schiffer. "Elite [Miss Schiffer's new agency] got second-hand goods."

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Brown's windfall is theft

Labour's utility tax may be illegal, says Woodrow Wyatt

Gordon Brown, Labour' Shadow Chancellor, is plug ging his proposed windfa tax on the privatised utilities wit rising enthusiasm. For him it beauty of a tax, irrespective of th ostensible purpose. This tax woul needlessly supplement trainin schemes which already exist for th unskilled young and unemployed. I that respect it is reminiscent of th original taxes on cars and vehicles which were designed to provide mor and better roads: the money the raised was soon merged with th general revenues and much of it wa not spent on roads at all.

Labour justifies the windfall tax a a punishment for those whom Lab our derides as pigs with their snou in the trough, who have used thei positions to swell their income through options to sell shares at larg profits. Private investors were un aware of these schemes and coul have done nothing to halt them. Bu the profits thus made collectively b directors amounted at the most to a few million pounds — light-year away from the billions Mr Br hopes to raise from masses o innocent shareholders.

The tax would substantially reduc the value of their utility shares and would be a breach of faith by the government, which did not warn investors when they bought the shares of the possibility of a retrospectiv tax. Nor was any warning given to the institutions which run unit trusts and pension funds for millions of ordinary people.

New potential investors would be deterred. Raising capital for developing the privatised utilities would cost far more. Incentives for greater efficiency would vanish as the utilities stopped cutting their costs for fear of another windfall tax on the higher profits which would result. Gone would be the ability of the regulators to reduce prices for consumers. Apart from the water companies, with their special problems of coping with neglect and robbery by previous governments of whichever complexion, prices are much lower than before privatisation.

Gordon Brown asserts that his project is legal. This is not the view of overseas investors, whether utility companies or private investors who bought into our privatised utilities. In America particularly, the aggrieved, with the backing of the White House, would contemplate legal action. British firms are also considering suing a Labour government if it applied a utilities tax. There could well be challenges in the European courts, with demands for compensation for retrospective confiscation of shareholders' money. There is a vista ahead of legal wrangling sufficient to employ countless lawyers for many years, with the prospect of numerous humiliations for a Labour government persisting in such a bizarre tax.

Britain is now one of the leading countries in Europe and the world for attracting inward investment. The flow will rapidly diminish if the world realises that we can no longer be relied upon to honour normal business principles. Foreign investors would fear that after tasting blood with a new and substantial retrospective tax, British governments would bring in others.

It was the Tories who, in the 1981 Budget, enacted a windfall tax at 2.5 per cent on the value of non-interest-bearing deposits. This raised around £350 million. It was a punishment for making record profits, which ought to have pleased the Tories — but they were still in the grip of the anti-capitalist mood of the post-war period. The Tories also brought in a retrospective supplementary petroleum duty in 1980, confiscating from the oil companies operating in the North Sea chunks of the increased profits arising from the world oil price increases in 1979 and 1980.

But after these mistakes in the early 1980s, Margaret Thatcher gradually returned the Tories to capitalism. During and after the collapse of Soviet communism, Thatcherism became the generally accepted creed of the world outside China, and even there it now has a burgeoning influence. Tony Blair acknowledges the benefits of Thatcherism and says he will not seek to destroy them. These benefits include the further imaginative privatisations of John Major's Government. Once it was meekly thought by feeble Tory administrations that socialist additions to the scope of the State were irreversible. No longer.

Economists now generally accept that high rates of tax do not bring increases in revenue for the Treasury. Instead, they tend to depress economic activity and encourage evasion. It is low taxation that encourages competitiveness and increased economic activity — to the benefit of all.

The privatised utilities windfall tax is a last but dangerous throw of the Luddite anti-capitalists. Gleefully they claim the right to follow the precedents of old Tory governments. Shamefaced, the Tories have not mounted a sufficiently strong, steady and well publicised attack on the utilities tax. They must admit their early folly and act promptly and decisively to rally support against a lunacy which would deeply damage the commerce of the country and the individuals who live in it.

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Parliament's ability to regulate itself has been cast into doubt

Self-regulation of any institution relies upon its members being prepared to resist temptation. In the City, the temptation is to make more profit; in Parliament, to win party political advantage. The pressures to maximise profit or political advantage are huge in what are both highly competitive environments. The evidence from yesterday's hearings in the House of Commons, taken with the row over Michael Heseltine's relationship with his civil servants, suggests that such temptation is not always resisted.

The Select Committee on Standards and Privileges met to investigate whether David Willetts, when he was a whip, exerted improper pressure on Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, chairman of the Members' Interests Committee. At issue was the behaviour of Neil Hamilton, who had allegedly taken money and free nights at the Ritz Hotel in Paris from Mohamed Al Fayed. Mr Willetts had a conversation with Sir Geoffrey about whether and how his committee intended to deal with the allegations. He subsequently set down his account of the discussion in a memorandum which emerged during the course of Mr Hamilton's libel action against *The Guardian*.

If the contents of Mr Willetts's memo bear the most obvious interpretation, then the charge against him is grave. He set out two ways in which the committee could minimise its action against Mr Hamilton: either to declare the affair sub judice, or to "exploit the good Tory majority" to investigate it as quickly as possible. He ended by writing that "we" were inclined to go for the former option, implying that the decision had been taken together; and added that Sir Geoffrey "wants our advice".

If true, this account makes both men culpable on several counts. Mr Willetts, as a whip, should not have been trying to impose party advantage on a committee established to serve the good name of the House. Sir Geoffrey should not have discussed the matter with him and should certainly not have sought advice from the Whips' Office.

Yesterday, though, both men cast doubt on the document's veracity. Sir Geoffrey said that he had never talked about the Tory majority, that he had not agreed a course of action with Mr Willetts and that he would not have dreamt of seeking his advice. He even said, bizarrely, that he might have forgotten that Mr Willetts was a whip.

Mr Willetts, meanwhile, used the "new boy" excuse: it was the first week since his appointment as a whip that the House was sitting. He admitted to having imposed an "artificial structure" on the conversation. And he denied that Sir Geoffrey sought his advice, even though this was expressly set out in the memo.

Neither testimony was wholly convincing, particularly when set against other events yesterday. Dale Campbell-Savours, during the hearing, claimed to have evidence that Andrew Mitchell (who was appointed to the committee while he was a whip) was regularly relaying news from the committee back to the Whips' Office. If true, this is a blatant disregard of the constraints that should be exercised in the interests of self-regulation. Meanwhile, Michael Heseltine was struggling to defend himself against charges that he had asked civil servants to find outsiders to promote Conservative policies.

If self-regulation is to work, Chinese walls must be respected: between Government and Parliament, and between Government and party. Both appear to have been breached. Yet now more than ever, the Government needs to be seen to have put improper behaviour behind it. If ministers have not grasped that, they do not deserve the public respect that they so clearly crave.

THE GOOD NEIGHBOUR

South Africa can offer a more ambitious foreign policy

European nations are not alone in their anguish over Central Africa. As we report in our foreign pages today, Nelson Mandela has also come under pressure to dispatch troops, a request he has treated with great reluctance. South Africa's concerns echo those expressed in Whitehall, namely that it is far from clear what any international expedition would do and whether it could actually implement any improvement.

Behind this specific reluctance, however, lies a further factor. Since it assumed power, the Mandela Government has moved with great hesitancy in the development of its overseas relations. The African National Congress has found little internal consensus on the most basic questions of national interests and international objectives. The South African Government has accepted a limited, crisis management role towards those in its immediate region — Angola, Lesotho and Mozambique — but has balked at a wider one. The response to the Rwandan genocide was limited to technical assistance, while Mr Mandela's refusal to condemn Nigeria's rulers attracted much criticism.

This uncertainty is the result of recent history. During the apartheid era, international isolation prevented South Africa from conducting conventional foreign relations. The security of its borders dominated all other matters. Friendships were struck with whatever countries were willing to enter dialogue. Often these were other pariah states or, as with Israel and Taiwan, nations with particular diplomatic difficulties. In either case it did not represent a sizeable inheritance. This was compounded by the activities of the ANC in opposition, where the desire to identify with "anti-imperialist" movements in the Third World produced a host of dubious allies such as Cuba, Iran and Libya.

The combination of these legacies has not made for coherent strategic thinking. It has left disappointed those who hoped that South Africa would exploit Mr Mandela's immense moral standing to champion peaceful and democratic development throughout Africa. In his interview with *The Times* today the President is highly dismissive of what such an ethical example can achieve. While he has travelled extensively through his tenure, such trips have focused on the promotion of South Africa's economy rather than any wider goals.

This approach might easily have been justified during the first half of the Mandela presidency. The current crisis in Zaire may well merit the extreme caution that South Africa has shown. But with only thirty months left until Mr Mandela leaves office, he should consider a greater deployment of his energy and charm beyond his nation's borders. His scepticism about the effectiveness of morality as a factor in geopolitics is well-placed; but a more activist stance abroad would be based on more than that.

South Africa is the most significant economic force in its continent. Even though it is less than three years since the introduction of majority rule, its political institutions already look among the most reliable in Africa. Were the issue of expanding the UN Security Council to be considered, then in the medium term a strong case could be made for South African membership. At home Mr Mandela has wisely decided to devolve his powers as part of gradual retirement. The construction of a fuller foreign policy could be his last great political achievement.

WHY STAMP ON THE SHAMROCK?

Like Murphy's, Unionists shouldn't be bitter

It is never, to paraphrase P.G. Wodehouse, difficult to tell the difference between a ray of sunshine and Peter Robinson with a grievance. The Democratic Unionist MP for Belfast East has, like all Ulster's politicians, endured a great deal but, unlike some others, he generally speaks more in anger than in sorrow. His talent for denunciation has been on display again after the announcement of plans to market Ulster and the Irish Republic together as a single tourist destination. He is not so much breaking a butterfly upon a wheel as crushing a shamrock with a hobnailed boot. Mr Robinson may believe that tempting visitors to Donegal also to linger a while in Derry is another step on the road to a united Ireland. If he does then he has taken another step away from reality.

Mr Robinson has a duty to his constituents to stand up for the Union. But he and they are ill-served by his confusion of co-operation with condominium. There is no contradiction between defending Ulster's position within the United Kingdom and taking up opportunities to work practically with the Irish Republic for the benefit of both. Indeed, support for the Union among Ulster's nationalist minority and across the rest of the United Kingdom is likely to be enhanced by the establishment of good neighbourly relations across the border.

The initiative taken by *Bord Failte* and the Northern Irish Tourist Board is a model of how cross-border co-operation should work. There is clear common interest. The visitor drawn to Cork or Connemara is also likely to appreciate the Giant's Causeway and the Mountains of Mourne. Acknowledging, and indeed exploiting, that overlap is not to deny the significant cultural, social and political differences between Ulster and the Republic. It is simply sound marketing.

Ireland has a diaspora almost as extensive as Israel's and the exiles have earned their homeland a deserved reputation for conviviality. Ulster, unfortunately, evokes more melancholy associations. Yet there are few more hospitable holiday destinations than Northern Ireland. Its people, its countryside and its bars are easily the equal of the Republic's. It would make commercial sense for the Northern Ireland Tourist Board to subsidise any association with the South; but the arrangement unveiled yesterday sees Dublin bearing the larger part. Even the shrewdest Ballymena bank manager would approve.

Unionists may, in the near future, need to oppose efforts to erode, rather than transcend, the border. There is still a temptation for politicians in London and Dublin to indulge republican aspirations rather than defend with the necessary vigour the democratic wish of Ulster's majority to remain British. That is all the more reason why Unionists should welcome genuine, pragmatic, practical co-operation, so that opposition to proposals designed to detach Ulster from the United Kingdom are seen to spring from principle, not prejudice. Like the Murphy's, Unionists shouldn't be bitter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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What role for the West in Africa's humanitarian crisis?

From Mr Martin Reith

Sir, Not we, nor the French, nor the Americans should imagine ourselves able or entitled to impose standards of behaviour in any independent country of Africa (letters, November 5 and 9).

Zaire, Rwanda and Burundi, formerly Belgian, are French-speaking, but it is grandiose nonsense to infer any particular rights or obligations for France. We should not concern ourselves with French ambition to entrench *francophonie* as an area of political influence, which is a distraction from the humanitarian task in hand.

African behavioural problems must be solved by Africans, no doubt in an African way. The root cause of this latest tragedy, like many of its predecessors, is tribalism (aka racism) and Africans have more practical experience of that — from both giving and receiving ends — than most. Moreover, while the governments of the three African countries involved are doubtless acting irresponsibly, you will not foster a sense of responsibility by taking that responsibility away.

HMG must keep the matter before the Security Council, with its formal responsibilities for international peace and security, at least until free passage for international aid is ensured. But the Council and the UN Secretary-General should address any appeals primarily to the appropriate African heads of government.

The Organisation of African Unity (OAU) should be pressed to consider urgently what practical measures it can take. If there has to be intervention, with the risk of violence being needed to counter violence, it had better be African.

Tanzania's invasion of Uganda in 1979, overthrowing Amin, did not by itself provide the right answer (because the return of Obote was not progress) but it was a catalyst.

Meanwhile the enormous sums given each year by European nations for development in Africa will, I hope, continue to flow, motivated as always by humanitarian concerns, and be administered with careful regard to their being used properly and wisely. That way we really can help.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN REITH
(High Commissioner in Swaziland, 1983-87; Ambassador to Cameroon, Central African Republic and Equatorial Guinea, 1987-91),
Ardnagaul House,
Strathtay, Perthshire.
November 10.

From the Acting Director of Christian Aid

Sir, No one would dispute the folly of troops rushing into Zaire without a clear mandate, simply on the ground that "something must be done" (leading article, November 8).

The problem is that as far as Central Africa is concerned the international community can hardly be accused of rushing into anything. For over two years the governments of Europe have been aware of the existence of armed factions in the refugee camps, and of a planned return by the ex-army to Rwanda. Nonetheless, the overriding question — how to disarm those refugees carrying weapons — has never been addressed.

OAU leaders have called for international intervention. With political will, it should not be difficult to agree a mandate. The first task of an intervention force must be to ensure the speedy delivery of food, water, medical supplies and shelter to the one million people whose lives are at risk. The second should be to disarm the armed factions and separate the genuine refugees from the militia. Then those wishing to return to Rwanda can do so without fear of intimidation.

The problems in Zaire, Rwanda and Burundi are deep-rooted and cannot be reduced to "tribal warfare", nor can European leaders hide behind the argument that this is just an African concern. The policies of Western governments, including Britain, have contributed in no small way to the causes of these countries' downfall: huge external debt; a narrow export base with balances of trade dependent on the vagaries of world markets; and appallingly timed austerity measures imposed by the international lenders. Further, the West's inactivity over the last two years has contributed to the humanitarian catastrophe of today.

Only decisive action now, in the form of military intervention, can save lives, but we must also work for a longer-term solution in which both Africa and the international community play their part.

Yours,
KATE PHILLIPS,
Acting Director,
Christian Aid,
PO Box 100, London SE1 7RT.
November 8.

From Mr John O'Shea

Sir, If a military force is not sent to Zaire without delay, the bulk of one million Rwandan refugees, at present gone "missing" according to the UN, will die.

When will the Western world own up to its responsibilities to humanity? If such a disaster was occurring in London, Paris, New York or Dublin, the international "fire brigade" would quickly quench the flames.

The relief and development organisation which I represent has worked in Goma for the last two years. Over that period, while the Western world was affording pathetic assistance, we have helped to bury 145,000 cholera victims.

Yours etc,
JOHN O'SHEA
(Director), Goal,
28 Meon Road, Acton, W3.
November 11.

From Air Marshal Sir John Curtiss

Sir, With the situation in Rwanda rapidly deteriorating and with the aid agencies unable to get food to the refugees, one system is available for use. "Snowdrop" is a method of air-dropping food in individual packages each of which will sustain each person for a day. As some 88,000 packages can be dropped in one lift a great number of people can be sustained by this system. Using this system people cannot be injured as with the usual palletised loads nor can the food easily be hijacked by armed bandits.

Operation Snowdrop could be operational within five days from the order being given and I urge the Overseas Development Administration or United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, both of whom have been briefed on this system, to action this plan now.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN CURTISS
(Chairman),
The Association of Pathfinders,
Swire House,
59 Buckingham Gate, SW1.
November 11.

From Mr K. W. Woznica

Sir, It would be of much greater benefit to the "underdeveloped countries" if, instead of supplying them with food and armed soldiers to help with its distribution, the "developed countries", simply stopped supplying them with arms.

Yours etc,
K. W. WOZNICA,
Willowsprings,
Longhedge, Corsley, Wiltshire.
November 9.

Bhutto's Pakistan

From Mr S. A. Moid

Sir, Ms Victoria Schofield ("The end of a dream", Features, November 6) seems more influenced by her old Oxford ties with Benazir Bhutto than by an objective evaluation of the constitutional action the President of Pakistan had to take.

To say that Benazir's dismissal "has cut short her dream of fulfilling her father's plans to build Pakistan into a country 'where deserts bloom'", and that "the price she paid for attempting to lead Pakistan into the 21st century was high" is to turn a blind eye to the abysmal record of her years in office.

Her notoriously corrupt administration brought Pakistan to economic and political ruin. The reserves have been perilously depleted and total lack of law and order has drained away every bit of Pakistan's moral standing. Sectarian battles in Karachi alone claimed 1,800 lives last year, and allegations of corruption against her husband, whom she made a Cabinet minister, abound.

Yours sincerely,
S. A. MOID
(Director General),
International Centre for Islamic Studies,
144-146 King's Cross Road, WC1.
November 6.

From Mr Babar Mumtaz

Sir, There was a time when Pakistanis were limited to general elections, having one General follow another. It seems that we are now entering a period of *presidential* elections, with elections at the whim of one President after another.

Yours sincerely,
B. MUMTAZ,
2a Hampstead Hill Gardens, NW3.
November 6.

Teachers' dress

From Mr C. Haward Soper

Sir, If Mr David Shaw, MP, can draft an amendment to the Education Bill with the aim of outlawing "sloppy" dress for teachers (report, November 11; see also letters, November 8), I suggest that his drafting talent might be better employed in drafting amendments to the Crime Bill outlawing illegitimate knives.

It seems to me that the latter is more amenable to easy definition than the former.

Yours faithfully,
C. HAWARD SOPER,
Flat 5, De Montfort Court,
Stoneygate Road, Leicester.
November 11.

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Firearms Bill a 'simplistic' response

From Mr Michael Yardley

Sir, Tomorrow will be a sad occasion. It will see the second reading in the House of Commons of the Government's post-Dunblane Firearms (Amendment) Bill.

This is a simplistic, media-led response to a very complex problem. It will not work, but it will lull the public into a false sense of security and dislocate the lives of tens of thousands of decent, law-abiding people. There will be no compensatory benefit whatever. It will bear on sportsmen and no one else. It will not affect criminals or violent crime.

On the other hand, it will cause the loss of 2,000 jobs, destroy an ancient and honourable liberty, and expose the Government to a compensation bill which the best research estimates as at least £300 million and perhaps much more.

Members of Parliament must ask themselves what real benefit the Bill is meant to confer, and whether this vast amount of money could not be spent to better effect.

This association is not arguing for the status quo. If Parliament is serious about addressing violent crime, there are sensible steps to take, such as creating a national firearms control board and doing something to stop the influx of illegal weapons into this country (which has increased as a result of EU frontier changes, the break-up of the Soviet Union and the drugs trade).

The Sportsman's Association believes that the most important thing the police can do in this situation is to look more carefully at the personal suitability of certificate holders and applicants. In this, police procedures have always been deficient. But even this does little to address criminal misuse, for criminals have their own sources and legally held firearms figure scarcely at all in serious crime.

Yours, etc,
MICHAEL YARDLEY
(Spokesman),
The Sportsman's Association of Great Britain & Northern Ireland,
1 Sentinel Works, Whitchurch Road,
Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
November 10.

'No win, no fee'

From Mr Michael Gould

Sir, Frances Gibb (Law, November 5) describes the increasing use of conditional fees by lawyers acting in civil litigation cases, under the heading "Improved access to justice". It is worth noting, however, that there is nothing to prevent solicitors in such cases agreeing "mark-ups" with clients of up to 100 per cent on their usual fees if they are successful in a case which the solicitor may know quite well the client is going to win. This mark-up is effectively taken from the damages the client eventually wins.

Most solicitors would not take advantage of a client. However, the increasing popularity of conditional fees has to be seen in the context of the continuing decline of the legal aid system and the likely introduction in the near future of limited fees being recoverable against defendants.

As Frances Gibb makes clear, the main beneficiaries of all these developments are particular friends of the present Government, namely insurance companies, who meet the bill for damages and costs in most personal injury cases where the claimant is successful. They will in future face fewer legally aided claims (where they are unlikely to recover costs against an unsuccessful claimant) and face more claims which are either inadequately funded (and therefore under-prepared) or else subsidised by the client through a conditional fee.

Yours sincerely,
M. GOULD (solicitor),
77 Beechfield Road,
Davenport, Stockport, Cheshire.
November 11.

Calf slaughter

From the Director of Compassion in World Farming

Sir, Hidden in the midst of Mr Douglas Hogg's new EU package of "support" for cattle farmers is an appalling development — the extension of slaughter subsidies to beef-breed calves (News in brief, October 31).

Since April the UK has slaughtered well over a quarter of a million male dairy-breed calves — the ones that would have been exported to continental veal farms. Now this scheme could double the numbers.

There is an inherent obscenity in mass slaughter of the newly-born. At the practical level, Compassion in World Farming fears many calves may receive scant care whilst still on the farm — they are, after all condemned animals. Already we hear of calves bought in the West Country being taken to the North East, and even Scotland, for slaughter — horrendous journeys for these vulnerable creatures.

What with the growing queue of cull cattle and the increasing level of calf slaughter, it looks like a winter where welfare provisions for these animals will be abandoned in the desperate attempt to fill our incinerators and land-fills, supply our petfood manufacturers and maggot farms and tempt the carnivorously inclined back to the beef-fold.

Yours sincerely,
JOYCE D'SILVA,
Director,
Compassion in World Farming,
Charles House, 5A Charles Street,
Petersfield, Hampshire.
November 5.

Need for clarity on species at risk

From Professor N. Mrosovsky, FRSC

Sir, At a workshop last month, held before the World Conservation Congress in Montreal, the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) confirmed its commitment to revised criteria for listing endangered species in its *Red List*. The aim is to make the list's "endangered" and "vulnerable" categories more objective and to clarify the reasons for placing a species in a particular category.

My own search for clarity in those matters has proved disappointing. Under sea turtles, for instance, the current *Red List* gives the source of its information as the Marine Turtle Specialist Group of the IUCN. But in October I learnt from their office in Washington that the material was not yet assembled in a suitable format, and that they could not say when that would be.

Even more surprising was the discovery that the compilers of the latest *Red List* were equally in the dark. The listings, it seems, had been made on the basis of evidence that was both unscrutinised and unavailable for independent study.

Similarly, on the Internet, one can ascertain from the *Red List* that the hawksbill turtle, distributed over 122 areas, faces "an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future". But the evidence is not given, nor is there any documentation supporting a drastic decline in its populations.

The new system of listing could be a great improvement over the old one. But objectivity is unconvincing without data to back it up. I propose that species lacking such data be placed in the "data deficient" category, and that the Internet list be immediately altered to reflect this.

The credibility of the *Red List* can only be established if data and documentation are available from the outset, instead of being added on as an apparent afterthought, to allow for normal scientific assessment, debate and, if necessary alteration.

Yours etc,
N. MROSOVSKY,
University of Toronto,
Department of Zoology,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 3G5.
November 10.

Working hours

From Mr Graham Allen, MP for Nottingham North (Labour)

Sir, Rather than treat the EU's working time directive, setting minimum standards on working hours, rest periods, etc, as the political football in the eternal extra time between Tory Eurosceptics and Europhiliacs, the Government would do well to take the advice of the CBI and act constructively (report, later editions, November 11). Used flexibly the new measures would provide the modest and rational basis for positive negotiations on working conditions between employers and employees.

This would lead to increased productivity due to good health and good morale as well as be a deterrent to the cowboy employers that are the bane of the vast majority of employers.

The rest of Europe, North America, most British parties, most UK employers and employees want to treat this issue on its merits and work together to build safer working environments. The future health and safety of all of us should not be held to ransom because of the Prime Minister's need to placate the tiny but vocal minority within the Conservative Party.

Yours sincerely,
GRAHAM ALLEN
(Shadow Environment Minister, Health and Safety),
House of Commons.
November 11.

De Valera and Collins

From Mr C. P. D. Dorman-O'Gowan

Sir, Brenda Maddox ("Movie goes soft focus on Ireland", Media, November 6) argues that to accuse de Valera of organising the death of Michael Collins is "immoral and mischievous". What is without doubt is that de Valera rejected the democratic voice of Dail Eireann when it approved the Anglo-Irish treaty, took up arms against the lawfully constituted state, waged a civil war against the Government of the Irish Free State and thereby was responsible for thousands of deaths and a great deal of damage.

It was de Valera's forces who ambushed and killed Michael Collins, and there is now clear evidence that he was in the immediate area of the ambush at the time of Collins's death. De Valera may not have organised that ambush, but without any doubt at all he was, by his actions, directly responsible for the death of Michael Collins.

Yours sincerely,
C. P. D. DORMAN-O'GOWAN,
Broad Chare Chambers,
Quayside, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Blair's hair

From Mr G. A. Michaelides

Sir, Surely it is not what is outside Mr Blair's head that's important (letters, November 8), but what is inside?

Yours sincerely,
G. A. MICHAELIDES,
76 Turnpike Lane, N8.
November 8.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 11: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Reception at St James's Palace to celebrate the Twenty Fifth anniversary of the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council and were received by the President (the Duke of Westminster) and the Chairman (Mr Trevor Hall).

The Earl of Courtown (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Latvia and Mrs Ulmane and welcomed them on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 11: The Duke of York today visited County Durham and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr David Grant).

His Royal Highness this morning visited HM Bark *Endeavour*, Castlegate Quay, Stockton-on-Tees.

The Duke of York, Patron, later visited the Aycliffe Young People's Centre, Newton Aycliffe.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited St Theresa's Hospice, Harewood House, Darlington.

The Duke of York afterwards visited Faverdale Technology Centre Limited, Darlington.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 11: The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, this afternoon attended the Corporate Members Reception at Buckingham Palace.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, National Association of Victims Support Schemes, later attended the Annual General Meeting and Guest Debate at the Brewery, Chiswell Street, London EC1.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 11: The Prince of Wales this morning flew to Bukhara, was received on arrival by the Hokim of Bukhara Oblast (Mr Rakhmonov) and made a brief tour of the city.

This afternoon His Royal Highness was received in Tashkent by President Karimov and later attended a Reception given by the Prime Minister (Mr Utkur Sultanov).

KENSINGTON PALACE

November 11: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this morning opened the Eric Tolhurst Centre for voluntary organisations in Blyth, Northumberland.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Northumberland (The Viscount Ridley, KG).

KENSINGTON PALACE

November 11: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Royal Hussars, this afternoon received Major General John Friedberger, Colonel of the Regiment and Lieutenant Colonel Adrian Bradshaw, Commanding Officer.

DES JENSEN

Leland Chen with the Stradivarius, the only one of its type to be sold this year and expected to fetch £700,000

Menuhin appeals for help to buy Stradivarius

LORD MENUHIN has appealed for corporate help to buy a rare Stradivarius to be played by the virtuoso Leland Chen.

The instrument will be the only one of its type to be sold this year and Lord Menuhin believes that it is an instrument worthy of the rising star who won first prize in the Menuhin International Violin Competition.

Phillips, the London auctioneers, expects the instrument to sell for up to £700,000 when it is offered on November 27. Phillips sold the first Stradivarius violin in 1809 — for 100 guineas.

Leland Chen, 31, said: "For some years I was lucky enough to play a violin lent to me by Yehudi Menuhin. The Stradivarius to be sold would provide me with the most wonderful opportunity to enhance my work and offer audiences the chance of hearing the beautiful tones of this outstanding instrument."

Philip Scott, a Phillips specialist, said: "We are hoping some major corporation will buy the instrument. Whoever buys it is in a no-lose situation since every time it is played in concert their name would appear as the owners and if they decided to sell it later it will still be valuable."

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.A.J. Barclay and Miss M.L. Dasher

The engagement is announced between Charles Anthony John, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Barclay, of Nuneham Courtenay, Oxfordshire, and Mary Lorena, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Howard Dasher, Jr, of Valdosta, Georgia, USA.

Mr M.E. Burges Watson and Miss F.M. Clode

The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Burges Watson, of London SW15, and Fiona, eldest daughter of Mr Michael Clode and the late Mrs Clode, of London SW3.

Mr R. Cinnamon and Miss K.J. Bond

The engagement is announced between Robert, youngest son of Mrs Joan Cinnamon, of Salthouse, Norfolk, and the late Mr Ellis Cinnamon, and Karen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Raymond Bond, of Wetherby, West Yorkshire.

Mr J.A.A. Clarke and Miss C.M. Cheshire

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Miles Clarke, of Malpas, Cheshire, and Camilla, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Cheshire, of Tarporley, Cheshire.

Mr J. Cohen and Miss S. Brennan

The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Cohen, of Kensington, and Sarah, daughter of Dr and Mrs John Brennan, of Brisbane, Australia.

Mr R.H. Harding and Miss V.S.C. Cutchey

The engagement is announced between Rufus, younger son of Mr and Mrs Colin Harding, of Bournemouth, Dorset, and Victoria, only daughter of Major and Mrs Michael Cutchey, of Berwick St James, Wiltshire.

Mr S.A. Lovegrove and Miss K.C. Brooke

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs John Lovegrove, of Great Alne, Warwickshire, and Kate, daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs Timothy Sergison-Brooke, of Chipping Warden, Northamptonshire.

Mr J.A.C. Maitland and Miss S.H. Barker

The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr John and the Hon Mrs Maitland, of Stancombe, Gloucestershire, and Susanna, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs David Barker, of Up Nately, Hampshire.

Mr B. Parsons and Miss V. Jones

The engagement is announced between Brian, younger son of Mr and Mrs H. Parsons, of Queen's Park, Chester, and Victoria, younger daughter of Dr Jill Burge Jones and the late Dr Vivien Jones, of Wingfield, Bedfordshire.

Mr C.P. Richards and Miss V.J. Pearce

The engagement is announced between Clive, son of Mr and Mrs Tim Richards, of Stillington, North Yorkshire, and Victoria, daughter of Mr Michael Pearce, of Ripley, Surrey and Puerto Andraitx, Mallorca, and Mrs David Puttock, of Esher, Surrey.

Mr J.A.W. Thomson and Miss O.D.M. Snagge

The engagement is announced between James Angus Wilfred, only son of Mr and Mrs James B. Thomson, of Mains of Cairnies, Glenalmond, Perth, and Oona Davina Mordaunt, elder daughter of the late Mr Peter Snagge and of Mrs Snagge, of Roxby House, Thornton Dale, North Yorkshire.

Royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the 1996 Royal Film Performance at the Odeon Cinema, Leicester Square, at 8.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Colonel of the Grenadier Guards, will attend a reception at Wellington Barracks at 6.30.

The Princess Royal will open Notley Green Community Association's new Community Centre, Braintree, at 10.00; will visit the Save the Children Fund Shop, 16 High Street, Brentwood, Essex, at 11.25; as President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will visit Basildon Carers Centre, 55 Southern Hay, Basildon, at 12.30; as patron, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, will visit the Thurrock Citizens Advice Bureau, 1 New Road, Grays, at 2.00; and, as President, Save the Children Fund, will attend a staff reception at the offices of CIBC Wood Gundy, Cottons Lane, London SE1, at 6.15.

Princess Margaret will visit the restored Lyceum Theatre, Crewe, at 12.35, and will visit the Crewe Factory of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, Cheshire, at 2.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as patron of Clerkenwell Music Series 1996, will attend a concert at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer, Clerkenwell, at 7.15, and will attend a dinner at St John's Gate at 9.10.

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit the Scott-Hay Gallery at Messrs Reid and Taylor, William Street, Langholm, at 11.20; will open the Lochmaben Community Hospital, Lochmaben, Lockerbie, at 1.45; and will visit Gates Rubber Company, Edinburgh Road, Dumfries, at 2.35.

Princess Alexandra will open the new Women's and Children's Wing at Lewisham Hospital, London, at 2.30.

Birthdays today

Dame Peggy Fenner, MP, 74; Lord Goff of Chieveley, FBA, 70; Dr William Hayes, President, St John's College, Oxford, 66; Dr Joe Hendron, MP, 64; Mr J.A.S. Ingamells, former director, The Wallace Collection, 62; Mr M.A. Lang, Headmaster, Durham School, 57; Sir Peter Lloyd, MP, 59; Professor Christina Lyon, Professor of Law, Liverpool University, 44; Sir Ronald Millar, playwright and screenwriter, 77; Miss Jennifer Page, chief executive, Millennium Commission, 52; Professor Gilbert Smith, Vice-Chancellor, University of Northumbria at Newcastle, 52; Sir William Sutherland, former Chief Constable, Lothian and Borders, 63; Professor John Tarrant, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Huddersfield University, 55; Prebendary Chad Varah, founder, The Samaritans, 85.

Institution of Mechanical Engineers

The Secretary of State for Education and Employment, Mrs Gillian Shephard, attended the annual Whitworth Awards held at the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) yesterday. The IMechE President, Professor Ernest Shannon, announced the Whitworth Award Holders and Scholars.

Legal appointment

Mr Jonathan Mayo **Haworth** to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

Dinners

Wolfe Society

Lieutenant-General Sir John Foley was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Wolfe Society held last night in Westerham to mark the 269th anniversary of the birth of Major-General James Wolfe. Mr J. St A. Warde, president, was in the chair.

The Athenaeum

Judge Stephen M. Schwebel, Vice-President of the International Court of Justice, was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum.

Cardiff Business Club

The President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, was present at a dinner held by the Club at the Park Hotel, Cardiff, last night. The guest speaker was Professor Anthony King, Professor of Government at Essex University. Mr Brian K. Thomas, Chairman, Cardiff Business Club, presided.

Lord Colnbrook

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Colnbrook, KCMG, will be held at St Michael's Church, Chester Square, London SW1, on Tuesday, January 14, 1997, at 6.00pm. Those wishing to attend should apply for tickets to: Miss J. Erith, Chairman's Office, NatWest Group, 41 Lothbury, EC2P 2BP. Please enclose sae (first class). Tickets will be sent out from December 9.

Today's anniversaries

BIRTHS: Richard Baxter, Puritan minister, Rowton, Shropshire, 1615; Amelia Opie, novelist and poet, Norwich, 1769; Alexander Borodin, composer, St Petersburg, 1833; Auguste Rodin, sculptor, Paris, 1840; John William Strutt, 3rd Baron Rayleigh, physicist, Nobel laureate 1904, Maldon, Essex, 1842; Sun Yat-sen, Chinese revolutionary, President of China 1912, Canton, 1866; Grace Kelly, Princess Grace of Monaco, actress, Philadelphia, 1929.

DEATHS: Canute the Great, King of England 1016-35 and of Denmark 1035, Shaftesbury, Dorset, 1035; Stephen Gardiner, bishop and statesman, London, 1555; Sir John Hawkins, naval commander, at sea, off Puerto Rico, 1595; Thomas Fairfax, 3rd Baron Fairfax of Cameron, C-in-C of the Parliamentary Army, Nun Appleton, Yorkshire, 1671; Jean-Sylvain Bailly, astronomer, 1st Mayor of Paris 1789-91, executed, Paris, 1793; William Hayley, poet, Felpham, 1820; Charles Kemble, actor, London, 1854; Elizabeth Gaskell, novelist, near Alton, Hampshire, 1865; Percival Lowell, astronomer, Flagstaff, Arizona, 1916; Baroness Emmuska Orczy, novelist, London, 1947; Rudolf Friml, composer, Hollywood, 1972.

The bodies of Captain Robert Scott, E.A. Wilson and H.R. Bowers, who had perished nine months earlier on their journey from the South Pole, were discovered, 1912.

The German battleship *Tirpitz* was sunk in Tromsøfjord, Norway, 1944.

A salmon was caught in the Thames, the first in 130 years, 1974.

Latest wills

Ilfra Eileen **Anstey**, of Wallington, Surrey, left estate valued at £2,054,855 net.

She left £500 to the RSPCA, and enough to train one Guide Dog for the Blind; her residuary estate to be divided between Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and Pine Ridge Sanctuary, Ascot, Berkshire.

Clara **Broadbent** of Stalybridge, Cheshire, left estate valued at £1,142,514 net.

She left residuary estate divided equally between the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research and St Matthew's Church, Stalybridge.

Robert John **Haydock**, of North Ockendon, Upminster, Essex, left estate valued at £1,292,512 net.

Sir Alan Lewis **Wigan**, of Badingham, Woodbridge, Suffolk, Director, Charrington brewers 1939-70, left estate valued at £2,788,511 net.

Edwin George **Brown**, of Hadley Wood, Barnet, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £1,634,754 net.

He left £1,000 each to the RNLI, Winchmore Hill Bowling Club, Bounds Green Bowls and Tennis Club of Brownlow Road, London, RICS Benevolent Fund.

Sir John Betjeman

An unveiling and dedication of a memorial to Sir John Betjeman was held yesterday in Westminster Abbey after evensong. The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Barry Fenton, Precentor, who led the prayers. Mr Kenneth Cranham and Miss Joanna Lumley read from Sir John's works, and the Boys of the Westminster Abbey Choir sang from *Christmas*, by Sir John, to music composed by Mr Martin Neary, organ. Mr Patrick Leigh Fermor gave an address.

The memorial cartouche, on a pillar in Poets' Corner, was unveiled by Lady Wilson of Rievaulx. Jasmine and Archie Ward, great grandchildren, laid flowers on behalf of the family.

Canon Anthony Harvey, Sub-Dean, Canon Donald Gray, Rector of St Margaret's, Canon Colin Semper, Treasurer, Canon David Hutt, Steward, the Rev Jonathan Goodall, Chaplain and Sacrist, and Sister Hilary, Pastorial Assistant, were robed and in the Lantern. Among those present were:

Mr and Mrs P Betjeman, (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Rupert Lycett Green (son-in-law and daughter), Mr David Lycett Green and Mr John Lycett Green (grandsons), Ms Endellion Lycett Green, Mrs Imogen Christie and Mrs Lucy Ward (granddaughters); representatives of both Houses of Parliament, the Betjeman Society, English Heritage, the Lurot Brand Company, the Art Workers' Guild and many other friends.

Afterwards, the Betjeman Society held a reception in Church House. Mrs Philippa Davies, chairman, welcomed the guests and Lord Horder, president, also spoke.

Lord Mayor's Banquet

The Lord Mayor, Mr Alderman Roger Cork, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, entertained the outgoing Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir John Chalstrey, and Lady Chalstrey, at a banquet held last night at Guildhall. The Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir John Chalstrey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Prime Minister and the Lord Chancellor were the speakers. Others present included:

Mrs Major, Mrs Carey, Lady Mackay of Clashfern, the Speaker, Mr Murdo Maclean, the Ambassador of Slovenia and Mrs Slokovec, the Ambassador of Qatar, the Ambassador of France, the Ambassador of Israel and Mrs Raviv, the High Commissioner for New Zealand, Mrs M Posslethwaite, the Acting High Commissioner for Pakistan and Mrs Naim, the Ambassador of Oman and Mrs Makki, the Bishop of London and Mrs Chartres, the Deputy Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for the Environment and Mrs Gummer, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, and Mrs Brooke, the President of the Board of Trade, Sir John and Lady Wheeler, the Government Chief Whip and Mrs Goodlad, the Lord Chief Justice, the Hon Kate Bingham, the Master of the Rolls and Lady Woolf, the President of the Family Division and Lady Brown, Lord Justice and Lady Simon Brown, Lord Justice and Lady Evans, Mr Justice and Lady Ognall, Mr Justice and Lady Kennedy, Mr Justice and Lady Cazalet, Mr Justice and Lady Chadwick, the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service and Lady Butler, the Chief of the Defence Staff, General Sir Michael and Lady Wilkes, the Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff and Lady Willis, the Permanent Under-Secretary of State and Head of the Diplomatic Service and Lady Coles, the Marshal of HM Diplomatic Corps and the Hon Lady Weatherall, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police and Lady Condon, Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London and their guests.

Memorial service

Brigadier John Woodroffe

A memorial service for Brigadier John Woodroffe was held yesterday in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street. The Rev Simon Hobbs officiated. Mr Patrick Woodroffe, son, and Mr Peter Woodroffe, cousin, read the lessons. Captain Lord Weatherill gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Woodroffe (widow), Mr Simon Woodroffe (son), Mrs Patrick Woodroffe and Mrs Clare MacGillivray-Woodroffe (daughters-in-law), Charlotte, Alice and Laura Woodroffe (granddaughters), Miss Nell Bellord and Miss Alice Bellord (stepdaughters), Mrs Philippa Woodroffe and other members of the family; representatives of the Anstey Polo Club, the Cavalry Club, Chatham Dining Club, the "Not Forgotten" Association, the Carlton Tower Hotel and Woodroffes with many other friends and colleagues.

Lecture

Medical Society of London

The Medical Society of London's Lloyd Roberts lecture was delivered by Lord Rees-Mogg last night at the Royal Society. Mr Andrew Neal, president, was in the chair.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League

Mr Leonard Ngaithe, Counsellor at the Kenya High Commission, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

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BIRTHS

ALLENBY - See Hutchings.

BENNEY - On November 9th, to Sukie (née Warnford-Davis) and Simon, a son, Zachary (Zak) Milo Sallis.

BETTLEY - On November 6th, to Lucy (née Ferrar) and James, a son, Henry John.

COOPER - On 6th November 1996 at Halton Hospital, Oxfordshire, to Trudi (née Witts) and Scott, a son, Connor, a brother for Laura and Callum.

ELLINAS - On November 4th 1996 at The Portland Hospital, to Karen and George, beautiful twins, Heather Leigh and Andrew George. Our miracles.

GOTTLIEB - On November 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Madeleine (née Jackson) and Craig, a beautiful son. A brother for Eli and David.

GRAVES - On November 10th, to Amanda (née Mayhew) and Christopher, a son, Benedict William Mitchell, a brother for Stephanie.

HINDSON - On 13th October, to Catherine (née Headlam) and Charles, a son, John (Jack) Francis.

HUTCHINGS - On 10th November, to Nicole (née Allenby) and Richard, a son, John Edward, a brother for Giles Nicholas.

KING - On November 7th, to Lynne (née Flavell) and Ian, a son, Oliver Sebastian.

LEWIN SMITH - On 7th November 1996 in Singapore, to Ruth (née Burges) and Guy, a son, George Guy, a brother for Isabel and Alice.

McCLEERY - On Sunday November 3rd 1996, to Samantha (née Bishop) and Alasdair, a daughter, Charlotte Jane Valentine.

MONCRIEFF - On November 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah (née Bradfield) and Nicholas, a daughter, Iona Sarah Grace.

MORELAND - Claire (née Bowrey) and Alan proudly announce the birth of their beautiful son Thomas Henry Alexander on 2nd November 1996.

RANFT - On October 27th 1996, to Samantha (née Allery) and James, a son, Thomas Frederick Peter.

REVORD - On November 5th at The Portland Hospital a son to David and Alicia - Hunter Francis - a brother for Alexa and Connor.

SATNAM SAKHI - On November 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Neeta and Suresh Wadhwani, a beautiful son, Prem - a brother for Mohit.

SMYTHE - On November 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Tracey and Rupert, a son, Dylan George.

STANLEY - On 8th November at Redhill, to Manana (née Gobejishvili) and Michael, a son, Joseph Colin Sergo.

STROUD - On November 9th 1996, to Caroline (née Ramsay) and James, a daughter, Lily Elizabeth Jane, a sister for Tom, Henry and Jack.

SULLIVAN - On November 7th 1996, to Maria and Peter, at home, a son, Patrick John, a brother for Joseph.

TERRY - On 9th November, to Lucinda (née Hickman) and Anthony, a daughter Emily Constance, a sister for Anna.

VILLERS - On 28th October 1996, to Annabella (née Drummond) and Xavier, a daughter, Suzanna.

WAH - On November 8th 1996 at The Portland Hospital, to Yumiko (née Kuramochi) and Anthony, a beautiful first son, Justin.

WILLIAMS - On November 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Fiona (née Davies) and John, a beautiful baby girl Annabel Joy Edna.

YALLOP - On November 7th at The Lindo Wing, to Rosemary (née Moore) and Mark a son, James Christopher Mark, a brother for Olivia.

DEATHS

ABBOTT-YOUNG - Wendy of Adelaide, South Australia - died very suddenly while in Italy on 7th November. Remembered with the greatest affection by all her relatives in the UK.

ANDERSON - On November 10th 1996 Alison Royse peacefully aged 97, widow of Sir Austin (Toby) Anderson and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Lindfield, Sussex, on Wednesday 20th November at 11.30 am. Family flowers only.

ANDREWS - On 9th November 1996 peacefully Caroline Jane aged 43. Dearly loved mother of Sophie and beloved daughter of Jill and the late Charles Hodgson, loving sister of Roger, Evie and Nicholas. Family funeral. Thanksgiving Service 2 pm 18th November 1996 Taynton Church, Burford.

ASHWELL - (Ferguson) M.B.E. on November 7th 1996 peacefully at home Dorothy (Mary) in her 99th year. Devoted mother of Robert and Jonnie, a loving grandmother and great-grandmother. The funeral service will be held at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Uppingham, on Friday November 15th at 11 am followed by cremation. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to The Students Support Fund Richard Attenborough Centre, New Building Leicester University c/o E.M. Dorman Funeral Director, 10, Main Street, Bisbrooke, Uppingham, Rutland LE15 9EP. Tel: (01572) 823976.

BLOOM - Enid, after fighting her illness with great courage and dignity. A wonderful wife, loving mother, grandmother and sister. A beautiful sculptress, she will be desperately missed, but leaves us a wonderful legacy in her art. May there always be an angel at her side. All her Angels: Bernard, Tony, Amanda, Midge, Ben and Tully. Funeral Service on Wednesday 13th November at 2 pm Golders Green Crematorium.

BOORNE - On November 8th 1996, Wilfred Norman peacefully at Austenwood Nursing Home, Gerrards Cross, aged 88 years.

BOTTOMS - Rev. Walter Wright on 7th November 1996 aged 88, former editor of the Baptist Times. Loving husband of Ivy, father of Janet, John and Gordon, grandfather and great-grandfather. Private cremation. Memorial Service on Saturday 16th November at Tyndale Baptist Church, Whiteladies Road, Bristol at 2.30 pm. Donations in lieu of flowers to The Baptist Ministers Pension Fund, PO Box 44, Baptist House, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxon. OX11 8RT.

BRERETON - Emma Muriel suddenly on November 7th 1996 aged 83. Beloved wife of the late John (Toby), dearly loved mother of Judy and grandmother of Toby and James. Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Betchworth, on Monday November 18th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for The British Diabetic Association may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking RH4 2ES.

BROOKS - Suddenly on Wednesday 6th November 1996. Ron aged 65 years of Hazelwood, Derbyshire, former Managing Director of Burrows Builders, Ilkeston. The dearly loved husband of Pat, a much loved father, father-in-law and grandfather. A private funeral service will be held at All Saints Church, Turnditch, prior to burial in the churchyard. Further enquiries to W. Jones & Son (01335) 360319.

BUDD - On November 8th in St Richards Hospital, Chichester, peacefully after a brave fight, Brigadier Tony Budd, late Royal Artillery, the dearest husband of Pamela for 42 years and beloved father of John, Andrew, Caroline and the late Elisabeth and of his grandchildren Helen, Simon and Emily. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral Church of Our Lady and St Philip Howard, Arundel on 15th November at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research or The Royal Artillery Charitable Fund would be welcome.

CARROLL - On November 9th, Major General Derek Carroll OBE, passed away peacefully at William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, aged 77. Very dearly loved and missed by the family. Requiem Mass at Church of Our Lady, Buckland, Dover on Friday 15th November at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to RE Benevolent Fund c/o Farrier & Sons, 161 London Road, Dover, Kent CT17 0TG - 01304 201665.

CLOVER-BROWN - Betty, peacefully at St George's Retreat, on Sunday November 10th aged 83. Devoted wife of the late Charles, dearly loved mother of Antony and Robert, grandmother and great-grandmother. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield, Wednesday November 20th 12 noon. Family flowers. Donations if desired to "ARC For Research" c/o R.A. Brooks & Son (01444 454391).

COOPER - Suddenly on 7th November 1996. Pamela, dearly loved wife of James; devoted to and much loved mother of Susan, Catherine and Felicity; loving grandmother of Kim and Robin. Cremation Thursday 14th November 4 pm at Mortlake Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to The Avenue Association c/o Holmes & Daughters, tel: (0181) 392-1012.

CORAH - On November 8th 1996 peacefully in hospital, Hugh Patrick of Hallaton, Leicestershire aged 71 years. Beloved husband of Patricia, loving father of Georgina, Peter and Annette and a much loved grandfather. Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Hallaton, on Friday November 15th at 1.30 pm followed by private interment. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Hallaton Church Restoration Trust may be sent to J. Stamp & Sons, Funeral Directors, Market Harborough, LE16 8AN. Tel: (01858) 462524.

CROSTHWAIT - Peacefully at Cambridge on November 8th, Brig. Michael Crosthwait, late Royal Engineers, aged 80. Funeral at St Mark's Church, Barton Road, Newnham, Cambridge, at 1.30 pm on Saturday November 16th. Family flowers only.

CROWLEY - Janet Leslie of Burton Joyce, Nottingham, daughter of Kathleen and Leslie Mitchell, sister of Peter and Alice, mother of Catherine and Emily, grandmother of Jonathon. Funeral Service at Wilford Hill Crematorium, Nottingham, on Friday 15th November at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only.

DATE - John Churchill Brodie (Jack). Peacefully on 10th November at The Churchill Nursing Home, aged 83 years (formerly of G.C.H.Q. and an active member of The Cheltenham Chess Club and National Trust). Dear father of Susan and Tony (New Zealand) and a much loved grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at Cheltenham Crematorium on Thursday 14th November at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, for The Autistic Children Fund c/o W.S. Trenhaile Funeral Directors, 174 Bath Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7NF.

DOODY - On November 9th 1996 peacefully at home Michael Charles M.B.E. aged 66 years. He will be sadly missed by his wife Mary, his children, families and friends. Family flowers only. Donations to the New Cardiac Unit, Derriford Hospital, c/o Earl of Plymouth, 23 Wolseley Road, Milehouse, Plymouth, PL2 3AB. Service at St Margaret Mary Church, Plymstock, 2pm on Friday November 15th. Enquiries to Earl of Plymouth (01752) 605560.

DUFFUS - Lady Helen Duffus MBE on November 10th 1996 peacefully after a short illness at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge. Beloved wife of the late Sir William Duffus, dearly loved mother of Diana, Philip and John, dear mother-in-law of Jack, Judy and Beryl, cherished grandmother of Nicola, Benjamin, Julie, Henry and Pippa. Funeral Service at St Bene't's Church, Cambridge, on Friday November 15th at 2 pm followed by private family cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired may be made for Cambridge Cyrenians (to aid the homeless in Cambridge) c/o Harry Williams & Sons, 7 Victoria Park, Cambridge, tel: (01223) 359480.

ECCLES - On 9th November 1996 peacefully at home Lettice Cholmondeley aged 90, wife of the late P.G. (Bill) Eccles and dearly loved mother of Diana and Gifford. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church, Bucknell, on Monday 25th November at 11.30 am.

FREEMAN - Peacefully in Worthing Hospital on 10th November 1996, Mary Florence aged 83 years, widow of Frederick and mother of David and Susan. Funeral Service on Friday 15th November at Worthing Crematorium at 2.20 pm. No flowers please but donations for Imperial Cancer Research may be sent c/o Dillistone Funeral Service, 191 South Farm Road, Worthing, tel: (01903) 200835.

GANNON - Conal on 8th November 1996, beloved husband of Dorothy. Funeral at Yeovil Crematorium 3 pm Friday 15th November. Family flowers only please to Thomas Green Funeral Directors, (01935) 813479.

GUILLEBAUD - Peter, peacefully at home on 7th November 1996. Beloved husband of Elisabeth. Funeral 11 am Friday 15th November at St Andrew's Bradfield and afterwards at St Peter's Church Hall. Enquiries 01635 868444. No flowers but donations please for Rwanda to Mid Africa Ministry, Tear Fund or Scripture Union, c/o Geoffrey Church & Co, The Broadway, Thatcham RG19 3HX. Memorial Service celebrating Peter's life's work for the Lord planned for January 1997 in London - details from MAM 0171 261 1370.

HILLS - Diana Marian aged 86 on 9th November 1996, beloved wife of Jonathan Hills, former Vicar of Iffley. Widow of Jock Scott, mother of Sarah, Frances, Mary and Paul, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Iffley Church, Oxford, on Thursday 14th November at 2.30 pm. Flowers or donations to Alzheimer's Disease Society c/o R.L. Bromley & Son, 145 Magdalen Road, Oxford.

HOBSON - Suddenly on Thursday November 7th, Richard Charles Cripps, aged 45. Darling husband of Anne, dearly loved son of Mrs W.P.C. Hobson and the late Group Captain Hobson, adored son-in-law of Mrs Kenneth Browning and the late Mr Browning beloved step-father of Julia, Suzannah and Georgina and Alicia's step-grandaddy. Private funeral at Gunnersbury Cemetery on Friday November 15th at 2.30pm. and afterwards at Gunnersbury Park. Service of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church, Bourne St., S.W.1. on Thursday December 12th at 12.30 p.m. No flowers please, donations, if desired, to benefit the mentally handicapped at Ethel Bailey/Oakglade site of Surrey Heartland NHS Trust, where his step-daughter, Suzannah is a patient. Donations payable to Marjorie Devenish c/o 3 Leaside, Great Bookham, Surrey KT23 3LJ. "Had I the heavens' embroided cloths, I would spread the cloths under your feet, But I, being poor, have only my dreams; I have spread my dreams under your feet. Tread softly because you tread on my dreams".

HODGSON - Harry Hugh James (Bill) Capt. R.N. ret'd, aged 103, peacefully at Oak Lodge Nursing Home, Chard, Somerset. Dearly loved husband of the late Rosemary, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service will take place at St Bartholomew's Parish Church, Crewkerne, on Thursday 14th November at 1.30 pm. Donations if desired for King George's Fund for Sailors c/o A.J. Wakely & Sons, Chapel House, Hermitage Street, Crewkerne, Somerset, tel: (01460) 74547.

HUTTON - Peter Fleming on 9th November 1996, peacefully after a sudden illness borne with great courage, in St. Mary's Hospital Portsmouth, aged 77 years. Most beloved husband of June, dearly loved and devoted father of Edward, Isabel and Philip, and much loved grandfather of Hannah, Alice, Emma, Peter and Andrew. Funeral service at The Priory Church, Boxgrove, near Chichester at 2.30pm on Tuesday 19th November followed by cremation. Family flowers only, please, but if desired donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund may be made c/o Edward White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester PO19 1SY (tel: 01243 782136).

JERRETT - Samuel H. Jerrett O.B.E. T.D. D.L. - On November 8th aged 78 years. Dearly loved husband of Jackie and father of Sam and Charles, grandfather of Arthur and Suzi. Service at Trentham Parish Church, Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent on Friday November 15th at 1 pm. Donations preferred to St John Ambulance, 18 Lichfield Road, Stafford ST17 4LJ. Enquiries to Forrester Brothers Funeral Services, Stoke-on-Trent. Tel: (01782) 313874.

JOHNSON - On November 7th peacefully at Abercorn House, aged 87, Eileen Mary (Bobby), much loved wife of the late Peter Johnson, mother of Sally and mother-in-law of Jeremy. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Eversley, Hampshire, on Friday November 15th at 12.30 pm. Flowers to Ford Mears & Partners, 19 Grosvenor Road, Aldershot, (01252) 319457.

KITSON - Robert Richard Buller. Second son of the late Captain J.B. Kitson D.S.O. R.N. and The Hon. Mrs F. Kitson (née Howard), on 10th November 1996. Funeral for family and those in the Parish of Morval only, at Morval Church, 2.30 pm on Friday 15th November 1996. Family flowers only, donations to Morval Church Fund, c/o Messrs. Ugalde & Son, 16 Castle Street, Liskeard, Cornwall. Details of memorial service to follow.

LAWRENCE - Marcia Grace Shan on 7th November 1996, peacefully. Funeral at 10 am on Thursday 21st November at Our Lady of Muswell Catholic Church, 1 Colney Hatch Lane, Muswell Hill, London N10 1PN.

MATTHEWS - Dr. Geoffrey, on November 6th in his sleep at home, beloved husband of the late Catherine, and dearest father of Louise and Geoffrey and grandfather of Charlotte Catherine. Family Requiem Mass on Friday November 15th with memorial service to follow in the new year. Family flowers only please. Enquiries, and donations, if desired, to the Motor Neurone Disease Association, c/o J H Kenyon Ltd., 49 Marloes Road, London W8 6LA. Tel: (0171) 937 0757.

MERRETT - On 7th November, in hospital, Jack Merrett, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral at St. James the Less & St. Helen, Priory Street, Colchester on Thursday 14th November at 2 pm, followed by cremation at Weeley Crematorium at 3.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu to Cancer or Asthma research.

MUGNAINI - On November 6th at Bracciano Hospital suddenly after a short illness Theodora Mary aged 75 years of Bracciano Province of Rome. Greatly loved widow of Raul Mugnaini of Cairo, Egypt, wife of Hywel Duck between 1963 and 1973. Very much loved mother of Diana, Laura-Belle, Elidé and Micheline and special aunt to Marie José. Held in affectionate esteem by her sons-in-law George, Walter, David and Michael. She was wise, loving and a source of joy to her grandchildren William, Charles, Raul, Enrica, Sam, Frances, Stella and Amy. A gallant and gracious lady she will be much missed by her family and her many friends who loved her around the world. The service will take place on Friday 15th November at 12.30 pm at St Mary's Church, Chart Lane, Reigate followed by interment at Redstone Cemetery, Redhill. All enquiries Messrs J. Stoneman (tel: 01737-763456).

PARKE - Suddenly on Sunday November 10th aged 87 years, Canon George Reginald Parke, of Dunstan, Northumberland, beloved husband of Evelyn. Requiem at Embleton Parish Church, Embleton, on Friday 15th November at 12 noon. Funeral Service follows later at Newcastle Crematorium at 3.30 pm. No flowers please. Donations if desired to SPCK.

PEARSON - Lt. Col. Brian William O.B.E., B.A., on November 1st in Paphos, Cyprus, husband of Kate, father of Louise and grandfather of Rachael and John. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

RAVENSHEAR - Peter Antony on 6th November. Courageous and much loved husband, father, stepfather, grandfather, brother and friend. There will be a Thanksgiving Service for his life at St Mary's Church, Hadleigh at 12.30 pm Friday 15th November. No flowers please, but donations in his memory to St Elizabeth Hospice, Ipswich c/o Farthing Singleton & Hastings, Deben House, 660 Woodbridge Road, IP4 4PW, tel: (01473) 272711.

RIXON - Nancie Elizabeth. On November 8th at Exeter Hospice, Devon after a long illness bravely borne she has peace at last. Loving wife of the late Rick, mother of Guy, she was loved by all who knew her and will be remembered always in joy. Service of thanksgiving at St James Chapel, Okehampton, Devon on Monday November 18th at 2.30 pm. No flowers but donations if desired for Hospiscare c/o Maddaford Funeral Services, 9 East Street, Okehampton, Devon.

ROPNER - John Raymond (Jack) peacefully on Remembrance Sunday aged 93. Devoted husband of the late Jill Ropner and a dearly loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at St Michael and All Angels, Middleton Tyas, North Yorkshire, 11 am Thursday 14th November. Family flowers only, donations if desired to: Barnardos Homes c/o National Westminster Bank, 25 High Row, Darlington.

SELWYN - Professor Sydney, son of Ruby and the late Louis of Leeds, passed peacefully away in London after a long illness. Much mourned by his wife, children, grandchildren, family and friends. Funeral to be held today, in Leeds.

SHANNON - David George, husband of Ann and father of Clare and Mark, suddenly at home on 3rd November 1996. Funeral has taken place.

SHERFIELD - Roger Mellor Makins, 1st Baron, on November 9th 1996, aged 92. Much loved father and grandfather. Funeral at 12 noon at St Leonard's Church, Sherfield-on-Loddon, on Thursday November 14th for family and friends. No flowers. Memorial Service to be announced.

SILLETT - Henrietta Bertha (née Routley) aged 93 on 2nd November after a brief illness. For details of the arrangements for the funeral to be held on 18th November please telephone Kellaways (0181) 693-2898.

SINGER - Dr. Francis Anthony, aged 88 years, died peacefully at home on Friday 8th November 1996. Adored father of John and Juliet and Grandfather to Amelia and Lavinia. Funeral Service at St Pauls Church, Wilton Place, SW1 Monday 18th November at 10.30 am. A memorial service will be held in the new year. All enquiries please to J.H. Kenyon, (0171) 937-0757.

SPIEGEL - Celia Fany Raquel died suddenly October 26th. Leaves behind daughters Patricia, Marina and son Michael, grandchildren Martin, Andrew, Leah, [illegible] Alexa and Emma. She will be greatly missed by many relatives and friends in the UK, Argentina, the USA and Europe.

TOPHAM - On November 9th peacefully Mary I.G. (Pip) in her 102nd year, widow of Colonel Clement Topham. Funeral Service at Patching Church, Worthing, on Friday 15th November at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only.

VILLA ODDONE - On November 2nd in Venice, Nobiluomo Giancarlo Villa Oddone, aged 72, after a long battle against ill health. Deeply loved by his family. Adored by his wife Shelagh who thanks God for the happiness of their life together. 321 Dorsoduro, Venice, Italy.

WEST - Julia, of Blackheath and Wimbledon, much loved wife (of the late Cecil West), mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, died peacefully on November 9th, aged 95. Enquiries to Frederick W. Paine, 6 Coombe Lane, London SW20. Tel: (0181) 946-1974.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

FORRESTER - John died 12th November 1992. John Ch.14 v.18. Lovingly S.

GEPP - Damaris Editha Gepp, B.A., on November 12th 1988. Every day I remember. Love Ivor.

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MARJORIE PROOPS

Marjorie Proops, OBE, agony aunt, died on November 10. She is thought to have been born in 1911.

As resident agony aunt on the *Daily Mirror* for a quarter of a century, Marje Proops presided over a revolution in the tone and content of problem pages in newspapers. When she began her ministrations on the magazine *Woman's Mirror* in the late 1950s, the agony aunt existed mainly to dispense moral advice — generally to young and fearful girls — of the "If he wants . . . don't . . . " variety. The mechanics of sexual life were, as yet, things not to be read about at the family breakfast table. Sin with its awful consequences, not social and personal expediency, was the prevailing ethos in which advice was sought and tendered.

By the time she published her final *Daily Mirror* column last week this chaste atmosphere had changed out of all recognition. Almost nothing was taboo. Marje herself led the cavalry charge towards the sexual explicitness which now characterises the average problem page. Although her advice was always genuinely tendered, she early recognised that the sexual behaviour and problems of "ordinary" people — the next-door neighbours, as it were — made good copy and sold papers galore. Timorous inquiries such as "Ought I, before the wedding day, if he insists . . .?" were swept away in the discussion of foreplay, multiple orgasms and masturbation, the last for long an unspeakable word which Marje was proud to be the first to utter — and discuss — in the pages of a family newspaper.

Austere letter headings from "Worried of Wolverhampton" or "Nervous of Norwich" gave way to shrieking headlines — "Are his demands perverted?", "Is my stepdad's love unlawful?" — which announced their wares as brazenly as any of the more avowedly steamy parts of the paper.

Women were the principal beneficiaries of this explicitness and Marje never allowed them to think of themselves as shrinking violets. Man, whether breadwinner or not, had no right to make a beast of himself in the bedroom, and was to be told so in no uncertain terms. By the same token there was many a stern admonishment to wife or girlfriend to spice their act up, if aunty felt it was a root cause of the problem besetting a relationship.

Yet, its commercial qualities apart, Marje never lost sight of the value of her column as a service. All of the 50,000 letters she received in a year were replied to. Indeed, in her working life she was reckoned to have corresponded with 3 per cent of the British population.

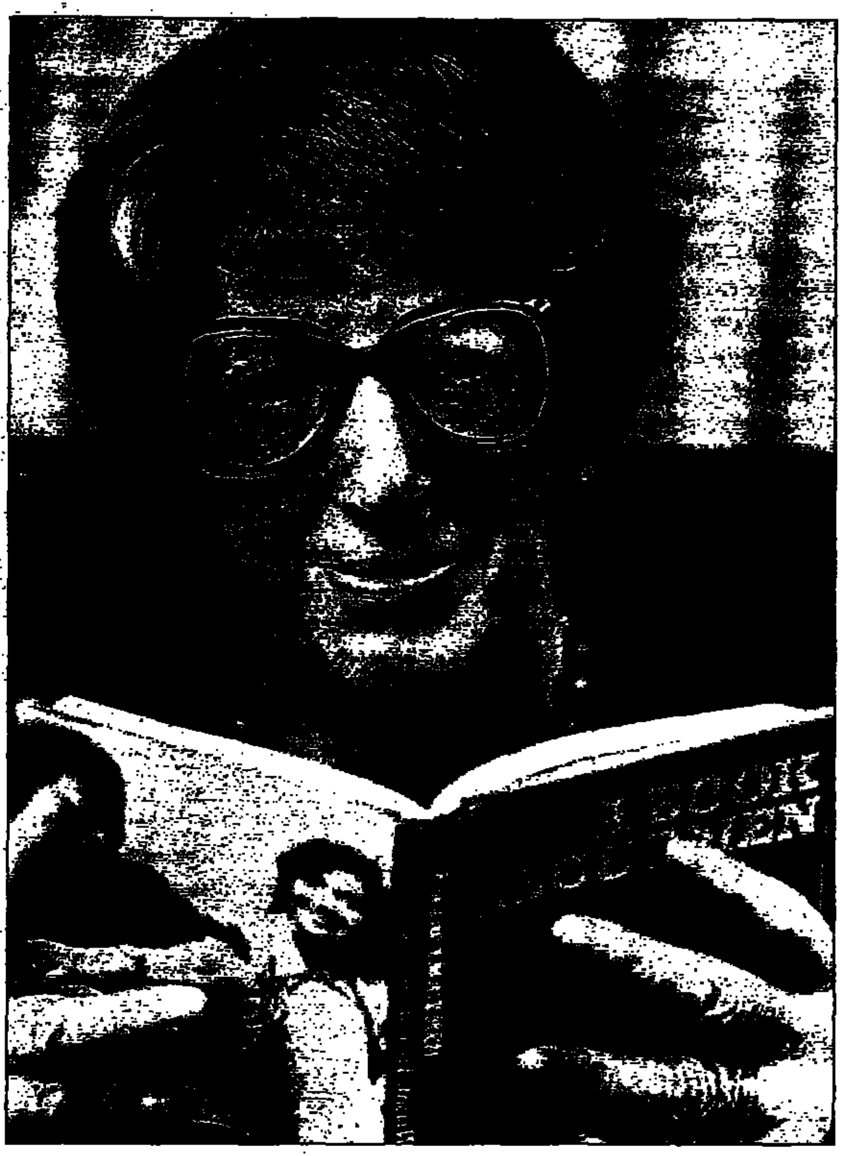
Editors occasionally attempted to tone down explicit copy, but Proops was fortunate to have found her home on a paper of similar kidney to herself. In its early stages, her career was almost entirely the creation of Hugh Cudlipp (later Lord Cudlipp, chairman of the International Publishing Corporation), the mentor who promoted her from general reporter to feature writer and columnist. Proops remained loyal to Cudlipp and to the paper, and came to be seen around the *Mirror* building as a symbol of continuity. Editors might come and go, and scandals, in the wake of Robert Maxwell's death, threaten to destroy lesser journalists. Proops remained seemingly inviolable.

In her heyday she was the best-known woman journalist in the country. She was in demand as the star of radio shows and Labour Party conferences. It was an emancipated sort of celebrity for a woman in her early days. But it rested not merely on her notoriety, but on her intelligence and her achievements as a journalist. To her readers she was the modern working woman, to all intents and purposes happily married to "Proopsie" — her husband Sidney.

Proops went into journalism at a time when there were few other women writers and, though she liked to encourage other young women on the staff — though not at her own expense — there was no doubt she enjoyed her unique position on the *Daily Mirror*. The entire room stood, to a man, when she entered an editorial conference. If she were leaving the *Mirror* office for an evening party, dressed in an evening gown, she would sweep majestically through a crowded room of sub-editors before leaving the building.

The truth about her "happy" marriage emerged dramatically in 1992. *Marje: The Guilt and the Gingerbread*, an authorised biography written by Angela Patmore, was the platform from which Proops had decided to free herself of a guilty secret. The fact was she could not stand dear old Proopsie. Her marriage, she told Patmore, had been a sham from its inception in a disastrous first night which had almost put her off sex for good. Her real love had been the *Mirror's* company lawyer, Phillip Levy, with whom she had conducted a discreet affair for almost thirty years.

The story, from one who always gave the impression of being in control of her life, was irresistible. The other tabloid papers recycled it with glee. But in fact, the revelations, coming as they did in a year of near-the-knuckle royal gossip, could hardly further stimulate the palate of a public which was well nigh glutted with such stories.



Rebecca Marjorie Israel (the name was later shortened to Rayle) was born over a greengrocer's shop in Woking. She remained evasive about her exact date of birth, probably because she never wanted to be forced to retire. Her father sold the shop to buy a series of pubs and her childhood was spent trekking in his wake. She lost count of the number of schools she attended. Compared unfavourably by her mother with her pretty younger sister, she was introduced to guests as "the brainy one" and advised to learn how to make her own living. She was not only clever but had a powerful contralto voice, which won her talent competitions, and she could draw. After art college, she joined a fashion studio as an illustrator. She rented a room off Fleet Street, and began to sell her fashion illustrations to the *Daily Mail* and the *Daily Express*. She married her husband, Sidney Proops, an engineer, in 1935.

Marjorie Proops was first introduced to Hugh Cudlipp, then features editor of the *Daily Mirror*, in 1939. He saw a gauche young woman in an overlarge, porridge-coloured suit, who had come in to make some sketches. Looking over her shoulder, he asked her if she would represent the paper at Ascot that Monday. She was a success, and Cudlipp took her on and sent her to Paris to draw hats. He also gave her a new artist's byline, Silvaine: "I was horrified. It made me sound like a flower shop," said Proops.

There was not much call for fashion drawings in the small wartime newspapers but Proops was kept on, on a retainer. She lived in the country with her young son, and worked as a freelance fashion illustrator. The editor on *Good Taste*, for which Proops drew knitting patterns, recognised that her knitting captions were unusually well-written. She asked Proops to write 1,000 words on life as a young mother in wartime Britain. A regular slot followed, and there were commissions from other editors.

After the war Proops, now a freelance writer and artist, was taken on by Hugh Cudlipp's brother Percy, the Editor of the *Daily Herald*, as fashion editor. She was given books and the occasional opera to review. She also got her first taste of agony aunting, when Mary Marshall, the old agony aunt, died. But after Percy Cudlipp's removal from the editor's chair she felt frustrated there and was tempted back to the *Daily Mirror* by Hugh Cudlipp in 1954.

She arrived on the *Mirror* as a columnist but was almost immediately groomed for life as a roving feature writer. She was sent abroad to interview Hollywood stars. Celebrities visiting Britain would also have lunch with her. She was already beginning to adopt an unusually intimate tone with her readers and wrote about painful personal experiences such as having to pack her son off to boarding school.

In 1959 Proops began writing a light-hearted weekly advice column for the magazine *Woman's Mirror*. In America in 1964 she met the widely-syndicated columnist Abigail van Buren — "Dear Abby" from whom she learnt to "spice up" her copy. Until then, agony columns in Britain, like those of "Evelyn Home" in *Woman*, had tended to be either moralistic or sentimental in tone. In van Buren's punchy, realistic columns she saw a way forward for herself. When she returned to Britain she talked to Hugh Cudlipp about transferring her agony column to the main paper and trying to do something similar. The move did not come about for another seven years, but the style of the column in *Woman's Mirror* became more racy during the 1960s. She was appointed OBE in 1969. Finally in 1971 Proops began her *Dear Marje* column on the *Daily Mirror*.

The first of its kind in a British daily newspaper, it led to similar agony columns in other tabloid newspapers and women's magazines. Other agony aunts, such as Claire Rayner, would eventually become as well-known as Proops, but none completely eclipsed her.

She gathered a team of medical and psychiatric experts around her to help with specialist problems. One thousand letters a week began to pour into the *Mirror's* offices and they sharpened Proops's campaigning spirit. The column became a forum from which to talk about abortion and homosexuality (on both of which she was an early supporter of legal reform).

Proops had always been a Labour supporter and with her newly acquired reputation she stepped up her public commitments. She sat on two government committees: from 1969 to 1974, Sir Morris Finer's Committee on One Parent Families and, from 1976 to 1978, Lord Rothschild's Royal Commission on Gambling. She threw her weight behind Labour candidates with some effect, and became privy to numerous secrets. The relationship did not always work in her favour. She interviewed Harold Wilson on his 60th birthday, five days before he announced his resignation in March 1976. He misled her during that interview on the question of his retirement because he did not want to put her in the awkward position of not being able to publish the scoop. Proops regarded herself as a serious political writer, and never forgave the deception.

She was not immune to flattery. She was particularly susceptible to the charisma of Robert Maxwell after he acquired ownership of the Mirror Group. On a whim one day in 1985 he decided to make her a director, despite the fact that she was well past the official retirement age for Mirror Group directors: "You can't do that Bob," she said, "it's illegal. You have to have a board meeting, with people putting their hands up and all that." He ignored her objections then, but later, still worried about it, she resigned. Behind her back he was less charming, and there was a Byzantine plot to fire her which she regally weathered. Proops was often rumoured to be costing the paper an enormous amount of money. In fact she was not exorbitantly paid, but the service she provided for readers, which called for teams of experts and secretaries, was expensive.

Proops continued with a punishing workload largely through the support of her loyal staff, and wrote two books on her work as an agony aunt. She was often not in good health, and was forced to contend with arthritis, hip replacements, a brief nervous breakdown and, most recently, cancer. But she maintained a pace that did not decrease even after the deaths of Phillip Levy in 1987 and of her husband in 1988. Indeed, she took on the *Sunday Mirror's* agony column in 1992 at the same time as her commitments to the daily paper.

She is survived by the son from her marriage.

WALTER STERN

Walter Stern, lecturer in economic history, died on October 27 aged 84. He was born on September 11, 1912.

GENERATIONS of students at the London School of Economics came to appreciate Walter Stern not only for his words of encouragement but also for his understanding of their problems. Although he himself had an excellent brain, he did not, like so many first-class scholars, look down on others whose minds worked at a slower pace; by his own example he showed how they could better their performance. That his own life had been far from easy may explain the sympathy and concern he showed his pupils.

Unusually for a teacher of economic history, Walter Marcel Stern had worked in business before he came to write about it. He was born at Zehlendorf near Oranienburg, north of Berlin. He had a thoroughly German education and upbringing, culminating in a law course at Heidelberg which included a spell in France at the Sorbonne. The son of a director of the Badische Bank, he obtained part-time experience at one of its branches before escaping from Hitler's Germany and coming to London in May 1933.

Though fluent in French, he could speak next to no English and had to take a crash course at Pitmans. The effort of having to think and speak in a completely new language and accustom himself to mannerisms strange to him was greatly eased by friends he met at the 33 Club for refugees, particularly Audrey Simmonds whom he subsequently married.

His previous experience enabled him to find voluntary work from 1934 to 1935 at the merchant bank of Ullmann. He then became a director of H K Furniture, a bedding and upholstery business in north London. He also befriended refugees, as secretary to the director of what was to become the Czech Trust. The rest of his family later joined him in England.

He became a naturalised British subject in 1940 and in 1941 was called up into the Royal Armoured Corps. Sick even when riding in a car, let alone a tank, he found his niche as a very effective wireless instructor. He later served in the Education Corps and in Intelligence and finally as a member of the British War Crimes Commission, translating documents subsequently used at Nuremberg.

In 1946, helped by a further education and training grant, he was admitted to the LSE where, impressed by the brilliant lectures of F. J. Fisher, he elected to specialise in economic history. In 1949, after taking the best first in his year, he was appointed immediately to the staff of the economic history department. Here he found his true metier, remaining for 30 years until his retirement in 1979.

He had an unrivalled gift for friendship and soon became a popular and much respected member of staff. He had an endearing smile, which rose from the neck upwards to encompass his normally serious face, especially when the joke was on him.

Among his students was Michael Philip Jagger. Stern noted in his tutorial report at the time that this student proposed to abandon his course "to form a skiffle group", adding that "I advised against it as there was no money there". Typically, he was later happy to confess that Mick Jagger had shown greater aptitude for economic matters than his tutor.

While care of students and methodical teaching were his main concerns, he is more widely known for his successful textbook, *Britain Yesterday and Today* (1962), notable for its preface in which he confessed with disarming frankness that "the writer of an outline of economic history has to be a fairly brazen liar . . . he cannot cover two centuries in 100,000 words without reducing an intricate landscape to a small-scale map by generalisations which verge on untruth."

In his research he chose not to write about European history, in which, thanks to his continental knowledge and command of French and German, he might have won an international reputation. Instead, he concentrated on Britain, and worked on the Corporation of London records at Guildhall. He published much about London's history.

A man of abstemious habits, he did not drink, smoke or even drive, preferring to walk or ride his bicycle. He wore suits, so it was said, for long enough for them to come into fashion again. In academic matters, however, he was most methodical. He even mastered shorthand to save time — shorthand not in one language but in three.

After retirement he continued to teach at LSE part-time and was much involved in alumni matters. Both he and his wife were serious walkers, taking the entire perimeter of Rutland Water in their stride, for instance, as a day's outing. He was often to be seen pedalling between his home in Stroud Green and Aldwych at a steady, magisterial pace: but cycling was destined to change the pattern of his active life when, in 1985, a motor cyclist collided with him as he wended his stately way. He lay unconscious for some time and became a virtual invalid for the rest of his days.

He is survived by a son and a daughter and by Audrey, his wife, who cared for him after his accident with enormous devotion for the remaining 11 years of his life.

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SINN FEIN RAMPANT IN NEW YORK

New York, Nov. 11

Sinn Feiners here are now working overtime in their perverse efforts to coerce America into hating everything English. Last night, for the third time within a week, a body of them made a spectacular attempt to appropriate the streets of New York for Irish revolutionary purposes. They once more burned a British flag on Broadway, and then indulged in a hunt for any stray Englishmen who happened to be in the crowd. One victim, whom they seized and stood against the wall, surprised the mob by addressing them in Gaelic. This purged him of suspicion, and he was allowed to go his way in peace. The outbreaks of Sinn Fein violence in New York coincide in time with the publication by the British Embassy at Washington of the threat recently received by cable from this side by Sir Hamar Greenwood. All the Irish Sinn Feiners here, and especially those who have been conspicuous for their anti-British activities, vociferously profess ignorance of the identity of the "Mr. J. V. O'Connor," who signs himself President of the Amalgamated Irish Societies of America and who in the name of those societies warns Sir H. Greenwood that three English residents in this country will be murdered for every man, woman or child who is "murdered" after November 14. Dr. Patrick McCarten the self-styled ambassador of the Sinn Fein government, characteristically declares that the threat has been concocted by the British Government for the purpose of "blackening the Irish cause." Last night's disorders began when the theatres were discharging their crowds into the streets. Two groups of men and women then descended upon the Capitol Theatre, where the British flag, together with the flags of the other Allied nations, are displayed in honour of Armistice Week. They were headed by a tall man armed with a hooked pole, who immediately came into conflict with a dozen policemen. Whether or not they succeeded in pulling down the flag is not clear. Two days ago, when a similar incident occurred, the manager of the theatre had announced his intention of sewing a British Union Jack to an American flag, so that the one could not be burned without the other. In any case, the mob had a British flag in their possession, and they burned it amid wild cries of hate. Police reserves were summoned, and finally dispersed the rioters with their batons.

BRIEFINGS

Application forms are now available for the 1997 Queen Elizabeth Scholarships for men and women of all ages who want to improve skills in their craft or trade. Send an A4 SAE with a 31p stamp to the Royal Warrant Holders Association, 7 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6JY. Forms must be completed by January 31.

☐ Lawyers for your Business, a solicitors' group that advises small business, has teamed up with the Enterprise Advisory Service to produce a disk listing sources of grants and loans. Some member law firms offer the disk free but others make a small charge. Details: 0171-405 9075.

☐ A checklist has been drawn up by BT and the Federation of Small Businesses to help companies to choose the most cost-effective communications technology to suit their needs. Many small businesses have been found to be reluctant to buy because they fear the equipment will be too costly and too complicated to use. *Buying with Confidence* is available free on 0800 800800.

☐ Reducing tax on profits, creating a tax-effective remuneration package and minimising tax on selling a business are dealt with in a guide for small and medium-sized companies by the UK 200 Group of accountants. *Tax Planning for the Smaller Business*, edited by Jan Matthews, a barrister and tax specialist, is aimed at the layman and costs £10. Contact: 01252 333511.

☐ For micro businesses in Essex, where more than 80 per cent of firms have fewer than ten staff, free consultancy plus subsidised development courses are on offer in a £300,000 incentive by enterprise agencies. Roadshows are attracting beginners and those considering start-up, whether in or out of work, to evening or day courses. Contact: 01245 496712.

☐ The second Cornwall Exporter of the Year Award is being organised by Barclays Bank and In Pursuit of Excellence, a local initiative supported by the Prince of Wales. Firms based on the Isles of Scilly are also eligible. The competition has a category for small businesses. Entry forms from Barclays Bank branches.

☐ A software package showing small businesses how to calculate savings that can result from using electronic methods of making and receiving payments is being offered free by Bank Automated Clearing Services. Contact: 0800 191191.

Cook responds to call of lights, cameras . . . food

Robin Young

meets a caterer aiming upmarket in a niche area

Jane Dean's business is keeping film crews fed on location from her state-of-the-art mobile kitchen

Jane Dean went into business because, at 29 and with two young daughters, she needed to work from home. So she quit nursing and began cooking ready-made meals to fill other women's freezers.

Now 47, she has been earning her living by cooking ever since, but has captured an unusual niche — location catering for film and television crews.

"My first attempt at running a bistro failed," she says. "I mortgaged my life away to open, and because I had a £120,000 loan, the place never stood a chance of paying for itself. I made all the mistakes — gave away too much champagne, behaved as if VAT did not exist. If I had not sold out when I did, I would have been bankrupted by the rather wonderful bank manager who had loaned me so much money."

There followed a grim time living at her parents' home, with two children, three cats and a dog all in one room, while she sought opportunities. "Granada Television had no one catering for their social club, so I applied," she says. "They said they were not interested, but I left my CV, recipes and costings anyway. Next morning they called: 'Could I start Monday?' "

Mrs Dean says she knew that television people would want their food quick, cheap and good, so she "went for everything upmarket, with menus changing daily, lots of salads, generous buffets and plenty of good, healthy food". She says: "Soon they were asking me to cater for the studios, too. Then I saw the wagons used for location catering and thought: 'I can do that'."

Her first location job was for a team of 30. "I borrowed £3,000 from a friend, bought a burger trailer and converted it over a weekend, putting in a cooker, fridge and freezer," she says. "Never having been out on a job before, I took along ordinary crockery instead of plastic disposables. I didn't realise these people drank 15 cups of tea a day. I was running all over the place collecting washing-up."

The state-of-the-art catering trailer that Mrs Dean uses now cost £65,000. "It has a kitchen like a first-class hotel," she says, "and now I can virtually pick and choose the locations I want to work on because they ask me first."

Mrs Dean's hopes of serving Granada's staff restaurant were disappointed when Granada took over a catering company, but she won the catering for Granada studios in Liverpool "as a consolation prize". She says: "I put my daughter, Samantha, and her boyfriend, now husband, in there, and started borrowing again to get another wagon so I could get more location work. As well as the flagship wagon, we have another trailer-kitchen and a back-up van."

She finds hiring chefs "almost pointless" because they resist doing things "the way TV people want". She says: "You have to be ready to serve 100 people over 2½ hours, taking orders as they come in. They want it ready as soon as they order it, tasting and looking fresh even if it has been held two hours."

☐ *Jane Dean is on 0161-928 7055*

How to survive the season of ill-will towards retailers

By Rodney Hobson

CHRISTMAS? Retailers who think it is all humbug and the season of violent customers can seek solace in two free survival guides.

Most independent retailers feel unsafe at work, according to Whitehall Laboratories, the maker of Anadin Extra painkillers. Two out of three have been subjected to verbal or physical attacks at work.

Most attacks result from a confrontation with someone under the influence of drink or drugs or with a shoplifter. Weapons that have been used include knives, guns, machetes, CS gas, milk bottles, wine bottles and hypodermic needles.

Many retailers now maintain some form of self-protection, including personal alarms, pepper sprays, baseball bats, knives and scissors. One retailer said that he used a tape of his mother-in-law shouting to ward off potential attackers.

Whitehall has published the *Living Safely* guide written by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust. It says: "Aggressive behaviour towards those who work in retail is unfortunately becoming an increasingly common feature of life. The problem appears to be at its worst in inner cities but suburban and rural practices are not immune.

"Late opening and constant cash sales can mark out the retail outlet as a desirable target, not only for the opportunist thief but also for the person who is seeking drugs or medication. They can be distressed and unstable, sometimes quite out of their own control."

The leaflet explains how the shop can be laid out to prevent incidents, with suggestions on good lighting, where to place high-value goods and siting the till away from customers.

It encourages retailers to keep in touch with each other, and with crime prevention officers, to learn how to recognise early signs of aggression and how to defuse potential violence.

Barclays Merchant Services, which handles plastic card purchases in more than 125,000 shops and businesses in the UK, has called its booklet *How to Survive Christmas*. It includes comments from a psychologist on coping with stress, a checklist on preparing for the Christmas rush and an explanation of the rights of retailers and their customers.

Tony Slater, sales and marketing director at Barclays Merchant Services, says: "Christmas may be the season of good cheer but retailers should take care that this is not at the cost of staff morale. Long working hours, lack of breaks and understaffing can greatly affect the mood of staff and lead to mistakes being made. Lack of planning by not having enough stock or staff on the tills can aggravate customers, which can spell disaster for retailers."

☐ The Barclays leaflet is available by ringing the customer call centre on 0345 212515.

☐ For a copy of the Suzy Lamplugh Trust advice write to the Anadin Safety Campaign, 227 Chiswick High Road, London W4 2DW.

Export drive to lift county knocked by the last recession

By Brian Collett

AN INTENSIVE export campaign has been launched in Dorset, where the last recession took a heavy toll and where 90 per cent of businesses now employ ten people or fewer.

The county's training and enterprise council funded research by Business Link Dorset earlier this year to discover which businesses were exporting and which were not, and to devise policies to help exporters and would-be exporters.

The survey found considerable potential in Dorset, which includes the busy town of Bournemouth and a port at Poole, as well as rural industries, but decided a plan was needed. The range of Dorset goods includes farm produce, furniture and even power boats and racing car bodies.

Kelvyn Derrick, chairman of the international committee of Dorset Chamber of Commerce and Industry, with which the Business Link has merged, said: "The business community appreciates that the county must pull together the Tec, the Institute of Directors, Business Link, local authorities and other bodies."

The campaign is already putting together a comprehensive database of available services to go into a handbook for exporting businesses.

The export strategy will be publicised with awareness events throughout Dorset and the organisers will lobby visiting business groups to come to the county.

Direct financial support will be sought to fund modern apprenticeships in international trade and to help Dorset businesses to exhibit at overseas trade fairs. The search is also on for a European "champion", a high-powered representative to lobby in Brussels for businesses in Dorset, or possibly an even wider area of western England.

☐ Links of Scotland, formed by a 20-company consortium, is to use a Web site for a video of golf courses to sell Scottish holidays to the Americans.

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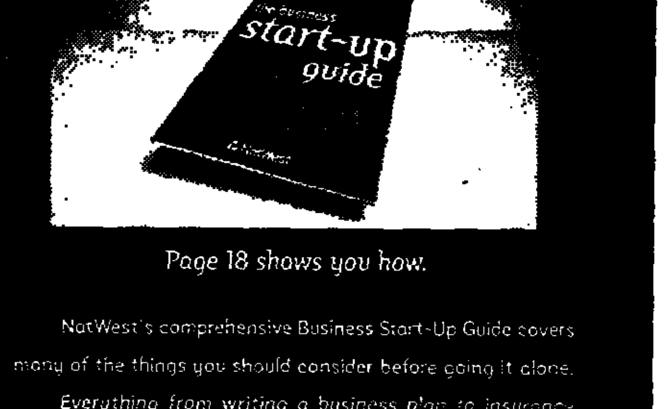

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Chancery Division

Law Report November 12 1996

Mortgagee is bound by statutory tenancy

Pourdanay v Barclays Bank plc

Before Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor

[Judgment November 6]

If a protected contractual tenancy was, when granted, binding on a mortgagee, a statutory tenancy that came into existence on the termination of the contractual tenancy was also binding on that lender.

Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, so held in a reserved *judgment given* in open court after a hearing in chambers in the Chancery Division, allowing the appeal of David Zaroovabli, *Sabrina Zaroovabli and Mrs* Anoosh Pourdanay from the order of Deputy Master Price of April 18, 1996 whereby he ordered possession of a registered property known as 136 Kings Drive, Edgeware, Middlesex to be delivered up to the bank.

Mr Martin Westgate for Mrs Pourdanay; Mr David Wolfson for the bank.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that on April 29, 1988 Mr and Mrs Zaroovabli were registered as proprietors of the property. On May 25, 1988 they charged the property by way of legal mortgage to the bank as security for a loan. Inexplicably the bank did not register the charge.

By clause 4 of the charge "no statutory or other power of granting ... tenancies of the mortgaged property ... shall be capable of being exercised by the mortgagor without the previous consent in writing of the bank".

On July 28, 1988 the Zaroovablis in writing granted Mrs Pourdanay a tenancy of the property for a six-month term from August 1, 1988 to February 1, 1989 at a *rent* of £585 with an option to renew. The consent in writing of the bank to *the grant of that tenancy was not* obtained and there was *no* evidence that the bank knew of the grant.

Mrs Pourdanay was not aware of the bank's security over the property. She went into occupation of the property on August 1 and had been there ever *since*. On August 23, 1994 the bank finally registered the charge that had been executed on May 25, 1988. On October 23, 1995 the bank issued an originating summons claiming possession of the property.

Under section 1 of the Rent Act 1977, Mrs Pourdanay's contractual tenancy granted by the written agreement of July 28 was a protected tenancy. When it terminated, pursuant to section 2(1)(a) of the Act, it was followed by a statutory tenancy.

Mr Wolfson accepted, given *Woolwich Building Society v Dickman* ([1996] 3 All ER 204, 211), *Dudley and District Benefit Building Society v Emerson* ([1949] Ch 707, 718), *Britannia Building Society v Earl* ([1990] 1 WLR 422), *Quennell v Maltby* ([1979] 1 WLR 318) and the provisions of the Land Registration Act 1925, in particular sections 18 to 20 and 101(3) that when the contractual tenancy was granted to Mrs Pourdanay it was binding on the bank.

He also accepted that her contractual tenancy and its statutory tenancy successor remained binding on the bank up to August 23, 1994 when the bank's legal charge was registered. He contended, however, that the effect of *registration was to overreach* the statutory tenancy, and would have been to overreach the contractual tenancy if it had still been in *existence*.

That contention required a careful look to be taken at Lord Oliver of Aylmerton's speech in *Abbey National Building Society v Cann* ([1991] AC 56). The case raised the question whether equitable rights *which had* been *acquired after the* date of execution of a charge but before its registration were binding on the registered chargee.

The *claimant was in actual* occupation of the property at the time of registration of the charge and claimed priority over the chargee by virtue of section 70(1)(g) of the 1925 Act. Lord Oliver had said (at p87) that "the relevant date for determining the existence of overriding interests which will affect the estate transferred or created" is the date of registration".

He went on, however, to hold (at p88) that for the purposes of section 70(1)(g) the requisite actual occupation had to exist at the date of completion of the transaction that had given rise to the registrable disposition.

Under section 70(1)(k), the overriding interests to which registered land was deemed to be subject included "leases granted for a term not exceeding 21 years". It followed, in his Lordship's opinion, from *Abbey National Building Society v Cann* that if Mrs Pourdanay's contractual tenancy had been still subsisting when the bank's charge was registered, the registered charge would have been subject to that tenancy by virtue of section 70(1)(k).

But at *some* point in the period between grant of the contractual tenancy and registration of the bank's charge the contractual tenancy *had terminated and her* occupation had continued by virtue of a statutory tenancy. A statutery tenancy could not be an *overriding interest under section* 70(1)(k). It was not a lease "granted for a term not exceeding 21 years".

It was possible that the rights of a statutory tenant should be regarded as capable of being protected under section 70(1)(g). In *National Provincial Bank Ltd v Hastings Car Mart Ltd* ([1964] Ch 665, 689) Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, gave "the right of a *statutory tenant to be in possession*" as an example of non-proprietary rights that could qualify for protection under section 70(1)(g).

In view of the decision in *Abbey National Building Society v Cann*, however, Mrs Pourdanay could *not claim priority over the bank's* registered charge via the section 70(1)(g) route. She was not in occupation on May 25, 1988 when the transaction between Mr and Mrs Zaroovabli and the bank was completed by execution of the legal charge.

But *her inability to obtain* protection for her statutory tenancy rights via section 70(1)(g) was not, in his Lordship's opinion, the end of the matter. Whether or not Lord Denning was right in holding that the rights of a tenant under a statutory tenancy were rights which could fall within section 70(1)(g), the rights were of an anomalous character if measured against the general quality of rights to which registered land might, under section 70(1) be subject.

In *Jessamine Investment Co v Schwartz* ([1978] 1 QB 264) Sir John Pennycuick had said (at p270) that "the statutory tenant has no estate as tenant but a personal right to *retain the property*" and (at *p272*) that a statutory tenancy carried with it a "status of irremovability, that status being enjoyed upon *terms analogous to those of a* tenancy".

The statutory status of irremovability that adhered to a tenant under a statutory tenancy could not bind someone who claimed through title paramount: see *Dudley v Emerson*.

But whether a claimant did or did not have a title paramount had to be judged by comparing the title in question with the contractual tenancy from which sprang the statutory tenancy.

If, as here, the contractual *tenancy was entitled to priority* over the title on which the claimant, in this case the bank, relied, it would, it seemed to his Lordship, be *inconsistent with the statutory* protection intended to be afforded to statutory tenants under the rent Acts to hold that the translation of the contractual tenancy into a statutory tenancy had the result of depriving the tenant of that priority.

There were obvious reasons why neither a protected contractual tenancy nor a statutory tenancy should be binding on a claimant who could show a title that was at the date of grant of the contractual tenancy paramount to the title of the landlord who granted the tenancy. *Dudley* and *Britannia* were such cases.

But if a protected contractual tenancy was, when granted, binding on a mortgagee, a statutory tenancy that came into existence on the termination of the contractual tenancy was, in his Lordship's opinion, also binding on that mortgagee.

The bank was therefore not entitled to an order for possession against Mrs Pourdanay. The appeal would be allowed and the order for possession discharged.

Solicitors: Mr R. C. Campbell; Nicholson Graham & Jones.

Unpaid commissions constitute wages under Act

Blackstone Franks Investment Management Ltd v Robertson

Before Mr Justice Holland, Mrs M. E. Sunderland and Ms B. Switzer

[*Judgment October 10*]

Commissions which an employee was contractually entitled to receive following termination of his contract, and which were readily identifiable as and when due, were "wages" within section 7(1) of the Wages Act 1986 which, if not paid, could form the basis of a claim for wrongful deduction of wages.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held in a reserved judgment allowing in part an appeal by Blackstone Franks Investment Management Ltd against the decision of a Liverpool industrial tribunal on March 14, 1996 that it should pay Mr James Ritchie Robertson £14,126.50, being unauthorised deductions of wages contrary to the 1986 Act.

Section 8 of the 1986 Act provides: "(3) Where the total amount of any wages that are paid on any occasion by an employer to any worker employed by him is less than the total amount of the wages that are properly payable by him to the worker on that occasion ... the amount of the deficiency shall be treated ... as a deduction made by the employer from the worker's wages on that occasion."

Mr Robin Howard for the company; Mr Robertson in person.

MR JUSTICE HOLLAND said that Mr Robertson was a financial consultant who entered into a contract to provide the company with services, essentially obtaining clients who would invest moneys through the company in appropriate financial products.

The contract provided that Mr Robertson would be entitled to commission on business completed by him, at rates as set out from time to time in the company's procedures manual. Any business introduced but not completed at the date of termination would be completed on his behalf with due diligence.

Following termination of *his* contract in October 1994, Mr Robertson contended that a substantial amount of business had been introduced before termination and that he was entitled to completion thereof on his behalf leading to commissions. He made his claim to the commissions by way of a complaint based upon the provisions of the 1986 Act.

The company submitted that commission payable after termination could not be categorised as "wages" as defined by section 7(1) of the 1986 Act. That submission was advanced by reference to *Delany v Staples* ([1992] 1 AC 687) where the House of Lords had held that "a payment in lieu" in the context of a dismissal could not be categorised as "wages".

The point seized upon by the company was that which emerged in the speech of Lord Browne-Wilkinson, namely that as at the date of dismissal that which was properly due by way of "payment in lieu", that was by way of damages for wrongful dismissal, could not be specifically ascertained.

The company said that the quantum of any commissions claimed was similarly speculative at the date of termination of the contract and the tribunal should have categorised the sums claimed as being outwith the Act.

The company developed that point by reference to the 1986 Act: section 7(1) and (2)(e) served to exclude from its ambit "any payment to the worker otherwise than in his capacity as worker" and it submitted that the sums claimed by way of post-cessation commission fell into that category.

The court had no hesitation in rejecting that argument. So far from being *similar* to "payment in lieu", that was to damages for wrongful dismissal, the commissions claimed were the subject of a contractual entitlement, readily to be identified as and when due and plainly to be paid to Mr Robertson in his capacity as worker.

The point was finally resolved by section 8(3). The total amount of a payment in lieu that was properly payable could not be identified as and when paid: the total amount of commission as and when that was properly payable could be identified by reference to the contract.

Solicitors: Clyde & Co.

Court of Appeal

Sentence for conspiracy longer than for offence

Regina v Ward
Regina v *Hewitt*
Regina v Downing
Regina v Clarke

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr *Justice McKinnon and Mr Justice* Johnson

[Judgment October 31]

Where an offender was convicted of conspiring to commit criminal damage and the damage, if it had been committed, would not have exceeded £5,000, so that a trial on the substantive count would have been summary, the crown court was *not* restricted to imposing the maximum prison sentence of three months available for the substantive offence but could take into account the degree of criminality involved and sentence accordingly *up to the maximum allowed on* trial on indictment.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in dismissing the *appeals of Daniel Matthew Ward*, Adrian Francis Hewitt, Jason Mark Downing and David Alan Clarke against sentences imposed *on August 30, 1996, at Norwich* Crown Court (Judge Langan, QC) for conspiracy to commit criminal damage to which Hewitt, *Downing and Clarke pleaded* guilty and Ward was convicted.

Mr Guy Ayers, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for *the appellants; Mr Stephen Ridley* for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY, giving the judgment of the court, said that in the early hours of April 8, 1996, the appellants donned dark clothing and equipped themselves with balaclavas, armbands bearing swastika and SS emblems, and with a tube of silicone sealant.

Hewitt and Downing were *stopped* by police officers as they neared the Jewish cemetery in Norwich. Clarke and Ward were some way behind and seeing what had happened to their friends, evaded attention at that time and went home. They were arrested the following day.

In interview, Hewitt, Downing and Clarke admitted that they had planned to damage the gravestones in the cemetery. Ward said that he had been present during such discussions but alleged that had not intended to do any damage.

Ward was convicted and Hewitt, Downing and Clarke pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit criminal damage. Hewitt and Downing were sentenced to 12 months, Clarke to 15 months and Ward to 18 months imprisonment. They all appealed against sentence, the trial judge having certified the case as fit for appeal under section 11(1A) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968.

Mr Ayers argued that if the four young men had done the damage they meant to do, which it was accepted would not have amounted to more than £5,000, they could then have been charged with the substantive offence and would have been tried summarily. On conviction they would then have been subject to a maximum sentence of three months and in those circumstances they should not have been *punished* more severely.

However, it seemed to their Lordships that the provisions of *section 22 of the Magistrates'* Courts Act 1980, which applied to certain offences to be tried summarily if the value involved was *small, including causing criminal* damage contrary to section 1 of the Criminal Damage Act 1971, did not apply to the present case because *the offence charged was not* an offence under section 1 of the 1971 Act but an offence of conspiracy to commit such an offence.

Mr Ridley argued that there might be circumstances, and this was one, where the mischief lay more in the agreement than in the doing. The agreement to deface was an act more wicked than the actual application of paint. Even if the deed had been done, in circumstances such as those it would have been open to the prosecution to charge the more serious offence of conspiracy.

It seemed to their Lordships that that submission was well founded. Accordingly it was open to the judge to deal with the offenders as *he did. He was right to have* regard to the provisions to which reference had been made but he was in no way fettered by the three-*month imprisonment limit simply* because a trial of the substantive offence would have been dealt with summarily. There was nothing inappropriate in the sentences of any of the appellants and accordingly the appeals would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Norfolk.

Well founded fear of persecution

Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal and Another, *Ex parte Shah*

Before Mr Justice Sedley

[Reasons October 25]

A woman who had a credible concern that she would be punished by stoning to death for adultery under an interpretation of Islamic law if returned to her home country, having nowhere else to go but the home of her husband, was capable of being a member of a social group where there was a well founded fear of persecution so that she was potentially a refugee who should be offered asylum.

Mr Justice Sedley so held in the Queen's Bench Division when granting the application of Syeda Khatoon Shah for judicial review of the decision of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal to refuse her leave to appeal from a special adjudicator's dismissal of her appeal against the refusal of the Home Secretary to grant her asylum.

Article 1(A) of the Convention and Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees (1951) (Cmd 9171) and (1967) (Cmnd 3906) provides: "For the purposes of the present convention, the term 'refugee' shall apply to any person who ... owing to well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable, or owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country."

Miss Frances Webber for the applicant; Mr Mark Shaw for the Home Secretary.

MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said that the material findings of the special adjudicator were that the applicant, a citizen of Pakistan, was a battered wife. She had been brought up partly in the United Kingdom but had returned to Pakistan at 17 in order to marry.

Her husband, after years of violence had finally driven her out of her home. On arrival in the United Kingdom she found that she was pregnant. If she returned to Pakistan she would have nowhere but her husband's home to go to.

She had given birth and now credibly feared that if she had to return, she would be accused by him of conceiving the child adulterously, exposing her to the operation of the Sharia law which prescribed stoning to death as the punishment for adultery.

Although Miss Webber had not had an easy task in the light of current jurisprudence on the Convention, the facts found in her client's favour by the special adjudicator were capable in law of bringing her within 1(A)(2) of the Convention.

That did not mean that on the factual findings she was bound to succeed. A great deal depended on the tribunal itself.

Solicitors: Malik Gould Associates, Aldgate; Treasury Solicitor.

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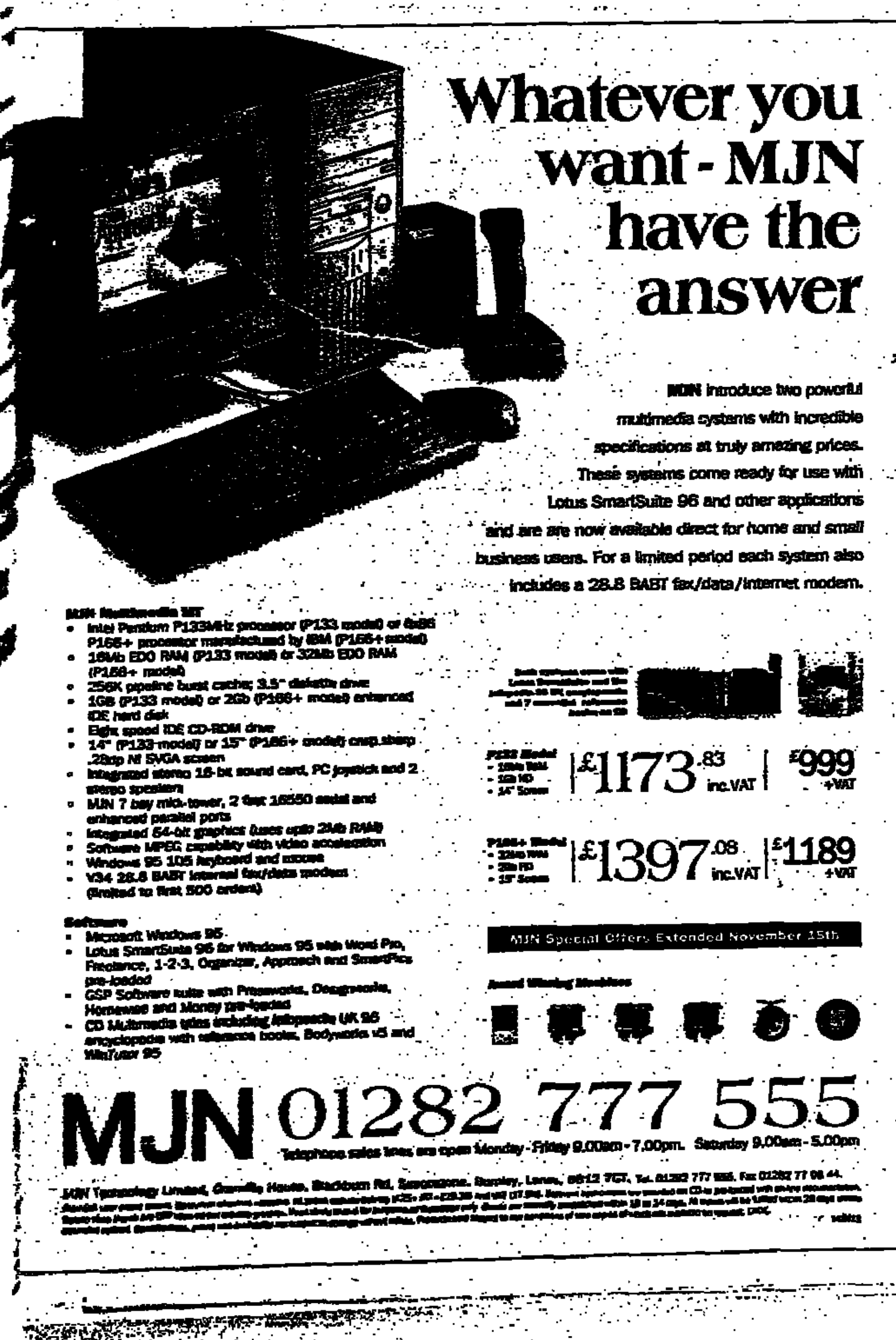

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Elida Gibbs Ltd v Commissioners of Customs and Excise

Case C-317/94

Before G. F. Mancini, President of the Sixth Chamber and Judges C. N. Kakouris and G. Hirsch

Advocate General N. Fennelly

(Opinion June 27)

[Judgment October 24]

Where consumers were enabled to purchase goods at less than their *normal sale price by virtue of* "money-off" and "cash-back" coupons issued by a manufacturer, the manufacturer's taxable amount for *value-added tax purposes was the* sale price less the amount stated on the coupon.

The Sixth Chamber of the Court *of Justice of the European Communities* so held on a reference under article 177 of the EC Treaty by the VAT and Duties Tribunal, London *for a preliminary ruling on questions* on the interpretation of article 11 of the Sixth Council Directive *77/338/EEC* of May 17, 1977 on the harmonisation of the laws of the member states relating to turnover taxes: common system of value added tax, uniform basis of assessment (OJ 1977 L145 p1).

To promote retail sales of its products, Elida Gibbs, a manufacturer of toiletries, operated two coupon schemes, "money-off", of which there were two categories, namely "basic" and "retailer-specific", and "cash-back".

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Under the *retailer-specific* money-off scheme, Elida Gibbs entered into an arrangement with a retailer to organise a promotion scheme for a particular product or line of products, lasting for a limited period.

The retailer printed the coupons under contract to Elida Gibbs and distributed them to the public: again, each coupon had a face value and mentioned the product or products for which it could be presented as part payment of the price.

Whether the buyer was a wholesaler or a retailer, Elida Gibbs charged *the supply at a specific*, VAT inclusive, price which it invoiced to the buyer under both variants of the money-off coupon *schemes*.

Under the cash-back coupon scheme, the coupon was printed on the packaging of an Elida Gibbs *product, and carried Elida Gibbs's* offer, subject to certain conditions, to refund the consumer part of the purchase price paid by him to the retailer, corresponding to the face value of the voucher.

A consumer who purchased the product was entitled to send the voucher direct to Elida Gibbs or to its agents, who would then make the promised cash refund.

The issue in the case, in which Elida Gibbs sought the repayment of VAT already paid, was whether, in relation to each type of coupon, the manufacturer's taxable amount was the manufacturer's price or that price less the amount stated in the coupon.

Article 11(A)(1) of the Sixth Directive provides: "The taxable amount *shall be*: (a) in respect of supplies of goods and services ... everything which constitutes the consideration which has been or is to be obtained by *the supplier from the* purchaser, the customer or a third party for such supplies including subsidies directly linked to the *price of such supplies*..."

Article 11(C)(1) provides: "In the case of cancellation, refusal or total or partial non-payment, or where *the price is reduced after the* supply takes place, the taxable amount shall be reduced accordingly..."

In its judgment the Sixth Chamber of the Court of Justice held:

General considerations

Before replying to the preliminary questions, it was appropriate to describe briefly the basic principle of the VAT system and how it operated.

The basic principle was that the VAT system was intended to tax only the final consumer. Consequently, the taxable amount serving as a basis for the VAT to be collected by the tax authorities could not exceed the consideration actually paid by the final consumer *which was the basis for* calculating the VAT ultimately borne by him.

The court had held that one of *the principles on which the* VAT system was based was neutrality, in the sense that within each country similar goods should bear the same tax burden whatever the length of the production and distribution chain.

That basic principle clarified the role and obligations of taxable persons within the machinery established for the collection of VAT.

It was not, in fact, the taxable persons who themselves bore the burden of VAT. The sole requirement imposed on them, when they took part in the production and *distribution process prior to the* stage of final taxation, regardless of the number of transactions involved, was that, at each stage of *the process, they collected the tax* on behalf of the tax authorities and accounted for it to them.

In order to guarantee complete *neutrality of the machinery* as far as taxable persons were concerned, the Sixth Directive provided, in Title XI, for a system of deductions *designed to ensure that the taxable* person was not improperly charged VAT.

The court had held that a basic feature of the VAT system was that VAT was chargeable on each transaction only after deduction of the amount of VAT borne directly by the cost of the various price components of the goods and services.

The procedure for deduction was so arranged that only taxable persons were authorised to deduct from the VAT for which they were liable the VAT which the goods and services had already borne.

It followed that, having regard in each case to the machinery of the VAT system, its operation and the role of the intermediaries, the tax authorities could not in any circumstances charge an amount exceeding the tax paid by the final consumer.

Preliminary questions

By virtue of article 11(A)(1)(a) of the Sixth Directive, the taxable *amount for supplies of goods and* services within the territory of a state comprised all sums which made up the consideration which *had been or was to be obtained by* the supplier from the purchaser.

According to the court's settled case law, that consideration was *the "subjective" value, that is, the* value actually received in each specific case, and not a value estimated according to objective *criteria*.

In circumstances such as those in the present case, the manufacturer, who had refunded the value *of the money-off coupon to the* retailer or the value of the cash-back coupon to the final consumer, received, on completion of the transaction, a *sum corresponding* to the sale price paid by the wholesalers or retailers for his goods, less the value of those coupons.

It would not, therefore, be in conformity with the directive for the taxable amount used to calculate the VAT chargeable to the manufacturer, as a taxable person, to exceed the sum finally received by him.

Were that the case, the principle of neutrality of VAT vis-à-vis taxable persons, of whom the manufacturer was one, would not be complied with.

Consequently, the taxable amount attributable to the manufacturer as a taxable person must be the amount corresponding to the price at which he sold the goods to the wholesalers or retailers, less the value of those coupons.

That interpretation was borne out by article 11(C)(1) of the Sixth Directive, which was designed to ensure the neutrality of the taxable person's position.

It was true that that provision referred to the normal case of contractual relations entered into directly between two contracting *parties, which were modified subsequently*.

The fact remained, however, that the provision was an expression *of the principle, already* emphasised, that the position of taxable persons must be *neutral*.

It followed, therefore, from that provision that, in order to ensure observance of the principle of neutrality, account should be taken, when calculating the taxable amount for VAT, of situations where a taxable person who, having no contractual relationship with the final consumer but being the first link in a chain of transactions which ended with the final consumer, granted the consumer a reduction through retailers or by direct repayment of the value of the coupons.

Otherwise, the tax authorities would receive by way of VAT a sum greater than that actually paid by the final consumer, at the expense of the taxable person.

On those and further grounds the Court ruled:

1 Article 11(A)(1)(a) and 11(C)(1) of the Sixth Directive were to be interpreted as meaning that *where*:

(a) a manufacturer issued a money-off coupon, which was redeemable at the amount stated *on the coupon by or at the expense* of the manufacturer in favour of the retailer,

(b) the coupon, which was *distributed to a potential customer* in the course of a sales promotion campaign, could be accepted by the retailer in payment for a *specified item of goods*,

(c) the manufacturer had sold the specified item at the "original supplier's price" direct to the *retailer, and*

(d) the retailer took the coupon from the customer on sale of the item, presented *it* to the manufac*turer, and was paid the stated* amount, the taxable amount was equal to the selling price charged by the manufacturer, less the *amount indicated on the voucher* and refunded.

The same applied if the original supply was made by the manufacturer to a wholesaler rather than directly to a retailer.

2 Article 11(A)(1)(a) and 11(C)(1) of the Sixth Directive were to be interpreted as meaning that where:

(a) in the course of a promotion scheme a manufacturer sold items of goods at the "manufacturer's price" direct to a retailer,

(b) a cash-back coupon for an amount stated on the packaging of those items entitled the customer, if he proved purchase of one of those items and satisfied other conditions printed on the coupon, to present the coupon to the manufacturer *in return for payment* of the stated amount, and

(c) a customer purchased such an item from a retailer, presented *the coupon to the manufacturer* and was paid the stated amount, the taxable amount was equal to the selling price charged by the *manufacturer*, less the amount indicated on the coupon and refunded.

The same applied if the original *supply was made by the manufacturer* to a wholesaler rather than directly to a retailer.

Taunton residents stay ahead of the game

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

INTERNATIONAL week once again, and so a quiet week on the Interactive Team Football front. This means that the weekly winner's score was a paltry eight points, not that that will matter to Mr N. Hinch, of Taunton, whose Hinch Mount C Team had the two critical selections of Gary McAllister, of Coventry City, and Graham Stuart, of Everton, the goalscorers in the FA Carling Premiership match between the two teams.

In the overall race for £50,000, Mr John Hunt, also of Taunton, remains in front. Mr Hunt has a nine-point lead over his nearest rivals, and three of his own teams are still chasing hard as well — in second equal, sixth and eighth equal positions.

Mr Hinch's team is:

Goalkeeper
N Walker (Aberdeen)

Full backs
S I Bjornebye (Liverpool)
K Rowland (West Ham)

Central defenders
A Linighan (Arsenal)
D Matteo (Liverpool)

Midfield players
A Kanchelskis (Everton)
G McAllister (Coventry)
J Moncur (West Ham)
A Townsend (Aston Villa)

Strikers
D Dublin (Coventry)
G Stuart (Everton)

Manager
W Smith (Rangers)

Les Ferdinand scores England's second goal in Tbilisi, showing why he is among the leading ITF strikers

You can move into the transfer market to improve your fortunes. You can use the ITF transfer system which allows you to change up to two players each week and to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership or Bell's Scottish League premier division.

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When making a transfer, you must ensure that the team does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the prizes — the overall £50,000, monthly £1,000 or weekly £250.

☐ ***All Interactive Team Football transfer queries should be directed to 0171-757 7016. All other inquiries can be made on 01582 488 122.***

THIS WEEK'S TRANSFERS

	IN		
30504	Brian O'Neil	Celtic	£3.00m
50606	Gianfranco Zola	Chelsea	£5.00m
52404	Peter van Vossen	Rangers	£6.00m
	OUT		
30703	David Busst	Coventry City	£1.00m

LOANED PLAYERS

D Wassall (Derby to Manchester City, one week), B Angell (Sunderland to Stockport, one week), T Wright (Nottingham Forest to Reading, three weeks), R van der Laan (Derby to Wolverhampton, one week), S Fitzgerald (Wimbledon to Millwall, one week), M Williams (Sheffield Wednesday to Huddersfield, one week), F Bennett (Southampton to Shrewsbury, two weeks), C Blackmore (Middlesbrough to Bristol City, three weeks), S Davies (Manchester United to Huddersfield, three weeks), M Jackson (Everton to Birmingham, three weeks), J Kavanagh (Derby to Wycombe, three weeks), J Cundy (Tottenham to Ipswich, one month), R Ferdinand (West Ham to Bournemouth, one month)

Loan periods subject to fluctuation

HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS IN ITF

All 1996-7 matches in the FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League premier division and Tennents Scottish Cup from August 17 count for points. Penalty shootouts do not count but results *decided in this way will count for managers.*

POINTS SCORED

Goalkeeper		Striker	
Keeps clean sheet*	4pts	Scores goal	2pts
Scores goal	3pts	All players	
Saves penalty	1pt	Appearance†	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Scores hat-trick	6pts
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	Manager	
Scores goal	3pts	Team wins	3pts
Midfield player		Team draws	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	1pt		
Scores goal	2pts		

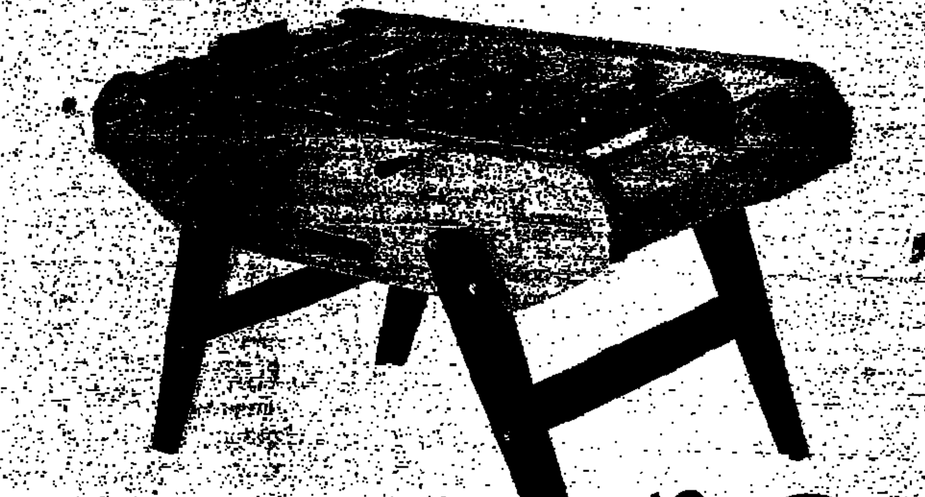
POINTS DEDUCTED

Goalkeeper		Booked	1pt
Concedes goal	2pts	Concedes penalty	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Misses penalty	1pt
Concedes goal	1pt	Scores own goal	1pt
All players		Manager	
Sent off	3pts	Team loses	1pt

* must have played for *75 minutes in the match*
† must have played for 45 minutes in the match

EXCLUSIVE ITF COMPETITION THE TIMES

TWO FOOTBALL TABLES EACH WORTH £800 TO BE WON



The Times Interactive Team Football and René Pierre are giving ITF players the chance to win one of two superb football tables. You can live out your football fantasies by playing with your friends or children in the comfort of your own home.

The high-quality table, finished in beechwood with metal figures, is worth £800. It is 36-inches high, 31-inches wide by 60 inches long.

If you are not already a player, it is still not too late to compete for big monthly and weekly prizes for the rest of the season.

For information about René Pierre tables call 0171-403 2960.

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HOW TO ENTER

To enter (only players of *The Times* ITF game) send your name, your ITF team name, ITF pin number and the answer to the question below, on a postcard or the back of a sealed envelope to: *The Times* ITF Comp, 30 Bouverie St, London EC88 4NG. Closing date: Friday, November 29, 1996. Winners will be drawn at random. ***Who scored the first goal for England in their World Cup qualifying match against Georgia?***

CHANGING TIMES

HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER IN ITF

Call 0891 866 968

If telephoning from outside the United Kingdom call 44 990 200 668.

You may make transfers only by telephone using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone). You will need your ten-digit selectors PIN, which you will have to tap in, not speak. Follow the simple instructions and tap in the five-digit codes of the players you are transferring.

You may only make transfers in one team per telephone call. If you have entered two teams and want to make transfers in both, you must make two separate calls.

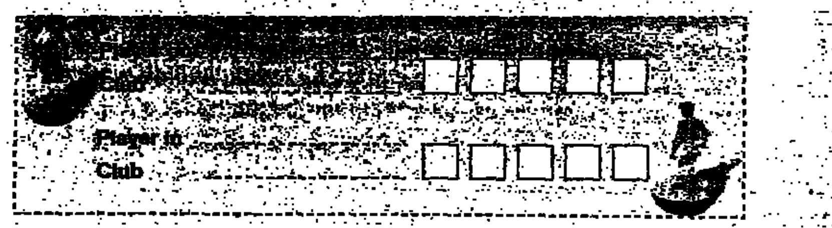
You may transfer two (but no more than two) individuals (two players or one player and a manager) during a transfer week. A player being transferred out must be replaced by one from the same category and you must keep to the team format of a goalkeeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players, two strikers and a manager. You must not exceed the £35 million budget and have no more than two individuals from the same club. Incorrect transfers will be rejected and your team will remain in its previous form.

The transfer week runs from 00.01 on Tuesday to midnight the following Monday. Transfers made before noon each day will become effective immediately. Transfers made after noon will become effective for matches played after noon on the following day.

Your new player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score for you.

If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You must adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

Calls will be charged at 45p per minute cheap rate, 50p per minute at other times. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.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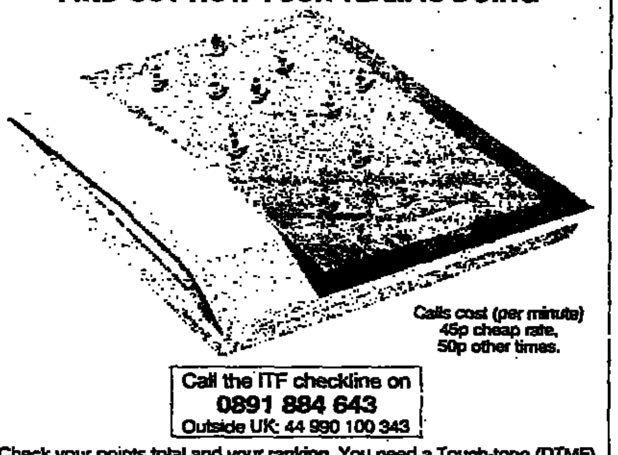
THE LEADING 250 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL GAME

FIND OUT HOW YOUR TEAM IS DOING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Call the ITF checkline on
0891 884 643
Outside UK: 44 990 100 343

*Check your points total and your ranking. You need a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) and your ten-digit selector's PIN. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.*

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	John Hunt Taunton H	(J Hunt)	246
2=	Gangsters	(A Lone)	237
2=	John Hunt Taunton D	(J Hunt)	237
4=	Sophie And Sam	(G Foster)	236
4=	Skyforest	(A Burton)	236
6	John Hunt Taunton F	(J Hunt)	232
7	Scholes For Goals	(K Booth)	230
8=	Orvieto Classico	(J Bradshaw)	227
8=	NST Monkstone	(J Staszkiewicz)	227
8=	John Hunt Taunton E	(J Hunt)	227
11	Purple Rain	(B Gohil)	225
12	Riggy's Roarers	(A Rigg)	222
13=	Dour Rangers 3	(I Clayton)	218
13=	Mean Machine	(P Ford)	218
13=	Noah's Ark	(G P Dolan)	218
16=	Jones Boys Three	(M Jones)	217
16=	I	(M Corless)	217
18=	Jones Boys 8	(M Jones)	214
18=	PJ Thistle	(R Newbould)	214
18=	Daggers	(V Cox)	214
18=	Nobby 33	(J Brown)	214
22=	Brain's Team	(B Howes)	213
22=	A2	(K Farhall)	213
24=	Lesley's Legmen	(L Michaelis)	212
24=	Hull Red Devils	(G Foster)	212
26=	Beyond Fault	(P Foster)	211
26=	Tulip's Tops	(D Tulip)	211
28=	Raj Is Back To Kill	(R Gohil)	210
28=	Flying Foreigners	(D Thomas)	210
28=	The Dansters	(C C Vevers)	210
31=	Clover Vale	(N Ensingh)	209
31=	Rod's Rovers	(B Roddam)	209
31=	Bubwith Utd 3	(M Larcombe)	209
31=	John Hunt Taunton G	(J Hunt)	209
35=	Aldecurcic Villa	(M Jukes)	208
35=	Plastic Fitters 10	(T Feehily)	208
35=	Raj Is Back To Kill	(R Gohil)	208
35=	Beeston Celtic	(B Mcgivern)	208
35=	AB 4	(A Boyland)	208
40=	JS August Monthly 1	(J Swirles)	207
40=	The Red Devils	(K Booth)	207
40=	Sky Times III	(L McCullough)	207
40=	A	(M Corless)	207
40=	Nobby 5	(J Brown)	207
45=	Nomads	(N Broom)	206
45=	Toto Calcio	(A Daye)	206
45=	Nobby 4	(J Brown)	206
48=	ST Utd	(M O'Brien)	205
48=	Layton's Lions 7	(R Layton)	205
48=	Pamela Anderson	(P Hands)	205
48=	Jane's Giants	(J Longton)	205
48=	Redknapp's Rovers	(B Emson)	205
48=	Def Con 3	(M Peck)	205
54=	Alice	(I Pigeon)	204
54=	Insomniacs	(L A Tomlinson)	204
54=	Mark's Magicians II	(M Kingston)	204
54=	Bubwith Utd 5	(M Larcombe)	204
54=	Bob's Boys 2	(R Calder)	204
54=	Turner's Earners 3	(P Turner)	204
54=	Nobby 20	(J Brown)	204
61=	Inter The Stand	(M Ward)	203
61=	Hove Rovers 3	(N Goddard)	203
61=	Fortuna Sandwich	(A J Finkel)	203
61=	Jan 2	(J Clayton)	203
61=	PT's Top Team	(T Tidmarsh)	203
61=	JS August Monthly 2	(J Swirles)	203
61=	Expensive Failures	(S Harper)	203
68=	D & A Warriors	(A Summers)	202
68=	Raj Is Back To Kill	(R Gohil)	202
70=	Storm	(P Mills)	201
70=	Pin Ups Two	(P Tusler)	201
70=	Team C	(A Lone)	201
70=	Raj Is Back To Kill	(R Gohil)	201
70=	1st Eleft	(K J Burns)	201
75=	It's About Revenge C	(R Gohil)	200
75=	Glen Duffers	(S Wilson)	200
75=	Former Champions	(A Murhabin)	200
75=	West Brom The Best	(C Jones)	200
75=	Roisin's Raiders	(P M Handley)	200
75=	Zig Zag Zak 25	(J Zak)	200
75=	Bumbles XI	(S Jones)	200
75=	Le Boeufeaters	(J Roebuck)	200
75=	Abdul's Revenge	(D Ritchie)	200
75=	Ginger FC	(C Armstrong)	200
85=	Athletico Storm	(P Mills)	199
85=	Inter The Pub	(M Ward)	199
85=	Set Against Cys	(S Shipley)	199
85=	Hairy May	(N Pearson)	199
85=	Hari Kari XI	(H Kerr)	199
85=	Demix	(D Newton)	199
91=	Polly's Pride	(P Smiley)	198
91=	Nonchalont AFC 3	(R J Ward)	198
91=	Where's Ray Gone?	(P Fromm)	198
91=	Kinky Imports	(S Fraser)	198
91=	John Hunt Taunton C	(J Hunt)	198
91=	Obby 22	(J Brown)	198
91=	Bothered FC	(D Lee)	198
98=	Ravioli On Toast	(N Bowles)	197
98=	Bad Time Boys	(R Crook)	197
98=	Murray's Magicians	(M MacMillan)	197
98=	Jack's Nightmare	(N J Lane)	197
98=	Glen's Win World Cup	(F Geary)	197
98=	Aldo Is Great	(J Holliday)	197
98=	Franck FC	(N Foord)	197
98=	Barry's Team	(B Matthews)	197
98=	United In Footy	(O Alton)	197
98=	Nobby 11	(J Brown)	197
98=	Nobby	(J Brown)	197
109=	Pear-Shaped FC	(R M Sands)	196
109=	Satica Super Stars	(J Seaman)	196
109=	Cholm Chix 69	(C Scarlet)	196
109=	The Luke Hansard XI	(M Kelley)	196
109=	Tasha	(I Pigeon)	196
109=	Kanfer's Cronies	(E Kanfer)	196
109=	Fendon United	(E Cowen)	196
109=	—	(no name)	196
109=	Jason's Boys Four	(J Gerring)	196
109=	Brainbows United	(G Weiss)	196
109=	Botak United 1	(J Pull)	196
109=	Gestalt	(R Rowe)	196
109=	Dynamo Hibs	(S Miller)	196
109=	Pants City	(no name)	196
123=	Northwood XI	(S Mullaney)	195
123=	Zoo Power	(D Harrison)	195
123=	The Grey Wizard	(M Andrew)	195
123=	FC Pants	(J Mullock)	195
123=	T 35	(T Basaran)	195
123=	Raj Is Back To Kill	(J Gohil)	195
123=	Ziggy's Boy's	(Z Ahmed)	195
123=	Edmo Utd	(D Edmondson)	195
123=	Thom Foolery FC	(M Horan)	195
123=	Lynne's Lions	(L Hioms)	195
123=	Xpat Missiles	(M Jackson)	195
123=	Animals	(L Clark)	195
123=	Nobby 7	(J Brown)	195
136=	Bugalugs	(S Birchfield)	194
136=	Inter The Wallet	(M Ward)	194
136=	Dave's First XI	(D Quibell)	194
136=	Porcelain Gods	(P Ryan)	194
136=	The Big Man	(K Booth)	194
136=	Triple Top Tan	(P Bailey)	194
136=	Crooky Boys	(R Crook)	194
136=	AC Fantasy FC	(M Skippen)	194
136=	Hopeful Hotshots	(H Rimmer)	194
136=	Jenny's Skates	(D S Millis)	194
136=	FC Big Hands	(A Martin)	194
136=	Raj Is Back To Kill	(R Gohil)	194
136=	Arrogant FC	(F K Taylor)	194
136=	Oytrage I	(G O Emoghene)	194
136=	Burch Girls	(M Burch)	194
136=	Airstir	(I Fyfe)	194
152=	Turner's Tigers	(C Turner)	193
152=	Ace's High	(N Avery)	193
152=	Henning Berg Kick I	(I Miura)	193
152=	China Castle	(B Gohil)	193
152=	Zapata	(W Spiers)	193
152=	Bown's Boys XI	(P Bown)	193
152=	Cannon's Hotshots	(D Cannon)	193
152=	Caroline B	(A Luckhurst)	193
152=	Anorak Addick	(N Wiltshire)	193
152=	Johnny's Giants	(J Jones)	193
152=	Raj Is Back To Kill	(R Gohil)	193
152=	Raj Is Back To Kill	(R Gohil)	193
152=	Razi's Rovers	(N Razale)	193
152=	Lucy's Lions	(S Doggett)	193
152=	Real Ale Madrid 2	(M Smith)	193
152=	Le Boeuf And 2 Veg	(M Sawley)	193
152=	Red Star Belgravia	(R Keenan)	193
152=	Wol's Wonders	(J Willis)	193
152=	Jones Boys Sky	(M Jones)	193
152=	Abc	(M Baber)	193
152=	Nobby 21	(J Brown)	193
173=	TWFC 1	(T Webley)	192
173=	West Wonderers	(S West)	192
173=	Hove Rovers 1	(N Goddard)	192
173=	Over The Moon FC	(I Roscall)	192
173=	Jack Son Of Ripper	(R Edden)	192
173=	Ettelf's Pompey Army	(M Ship)	192
173=	Claremont Loyal	(B Fox)	192
173=	Strew Moles	(H Brasher)	192
173=	Team A	(A Lone)	192
173=	Trouble Shooters	(R Pritt)	19
173=	Gauntlet FC	(C J Eldred)	19
173=	White Feathers	(M Catchpole)	19
173=	Soccer Superstars	(J McCallion)	19
173=	Champions	(L Gibbons)	19
173=	CUOK	(G Weiss)	19
173=	Ice 3	(T Alder)	19
189=	G Money FC	(G Samuels)	191
189=	The Space Cowboys	(T Butler)	191
189=	PJB Rovers	(P J Butler)	191
189=	Alancia FC	(A Stiliano)	191
189=	Chris' Cruiser Gang	(C Godden)	191
189=	Das Boot	(D A Sutton)	191
189=	Deaf Men Can Manage	(R E H Tunnicliffe)	191
189=	Motley Town	(K McGuire)	191
189=	Arif's Allstars	(A Bangi)	191
189=	Utd Forever Elde	(E Kharodia)	191
189=	Joe's Dogs Of War	(J Ko Waiw)	191
189=	Leasowes One	(M Price)	191
189=	Sporty Big Bone	(J Staszkiewicz)	191
189=	U Vont Us	(T Staszkiewicz)	191
189=	Sporting Omnie	(A Swift)	191
189=	Jamie's Giants	(J Allen)	191
189=	Foreign Flyers	(A Davis)	191
189=	Turner's Earners 1	(P Turner)	191
189=	Turner's Earners 5	(P Turner)	191
189=	Tur	(P Turner)	191
189=	Legs Eleven	(P Broomhead)	191
189=	Garforth Seahawks	(I Doughty)	191
189=	Wether's Wanderers	(D Wetherall)	191
212=	Mynachdy Rovers	(S Grant)	190
212=	Inta Goal	(G Lippett)	190
212=	Manic Attack	(G Blindell)	190
212=	HDG Is Out Of Order	(N Wheatley)	190
212=	Back In Bristol	(D Stone)	190
212=	Euro Paulo 1	(P O'Connell)	190
212=	Sheer Class	(D Green)	190
212=	The Chrispies	(C Potter)	190
212=	Champions Elect	(L Spence)	190
212=	Foreign Legion	(K Rowling)	190
212=	Cool Side Bums	(M Roper)	190
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212=	Royal Revolution	(M R Tillcock)	190
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The ITF players, their points and their values if you are considering the transfer option

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
10101	M Watt	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-3
10102	N Walker	Aberdeen	1.00	0	+6
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	0	+28
10202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.75	0	+0
10203	J Lukic	Arsenal	0.75	0	-8
10301	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.50	0	+1
10302	M Oakes	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+11
10401	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	-13
10402	S Given	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	+0
10501	G Marshall	Celtic	3.50	0	-1
10601	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	0	+10
10602	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	2.00	0	-20
10701	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	-1	-7
10702	J Filan	Coventry City	0.50	0	+0
10801	M Taylor	Derby County	1.00	0	+0
10802	R Hoult	Derby County	1.00	0	-4
10901	A Maxwell	Dundee United	0.50	0	+4
10902	L Key	Dundee United	0.50	0	[illegible]
11001	I Westwater	Dunfermline	0.50	0	-18
11101	N Southall	Everton	2.50	-1	+3
11103	P Gerrard	Everton	2.50	0	+0
11201	G Rousset	Hearts	2.00	0	-16
11301	J Leighton	Hibernian	1.50	0	-4
11401	D Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	-25
11501	M Beeney	Leeds United	1.50	0	+0
11502	P Evans	Leeds United	0.25	0	+0
11503	N Martyn	Leeds United	2.50	0	-8
11601	K Poole	Leicester City	1.00	0	-3
11603	K Keller	Leicester City	1.00	0	-4
11701	D James	Liverpool	5.00	0	+5
11702	A Warner	Liverpool	0.50	0	+0
11801	P Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00	0	-13
11802	R van der Gouw	Manchester United	1.00	0	+5
11901	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	+0
11902	A Miller	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-23
12001	S Howie	Motherwell	1.50	0	-11
12101	S Hislop	Newcastle United	4.00	0	-3
12102	P Srnicek	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+5
12201	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	-21
12202	A Fettis	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	+0
12203	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	+0
12301	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	-20
12401	A Goram	Rangers	5.00	0	+13
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	0	-9
12601	D Beasant	Southampton	1.00	0	-10
12602	N Moss	Southampton	0.25	0	+2
12603	C Woods	Southampton	1.50	0	+0
12702	L Perez	Sunderland	0.50	0	-5
11803	A Coton	Sunderland	1.00	0	+9
12801	I Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50	0	+15
12901	L Miklosko	West Ham United	2.00	0	-13
12902	S Mautone	West Ham United	0.50	0	+5
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.00	0	+7
13002	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.00	0	+0

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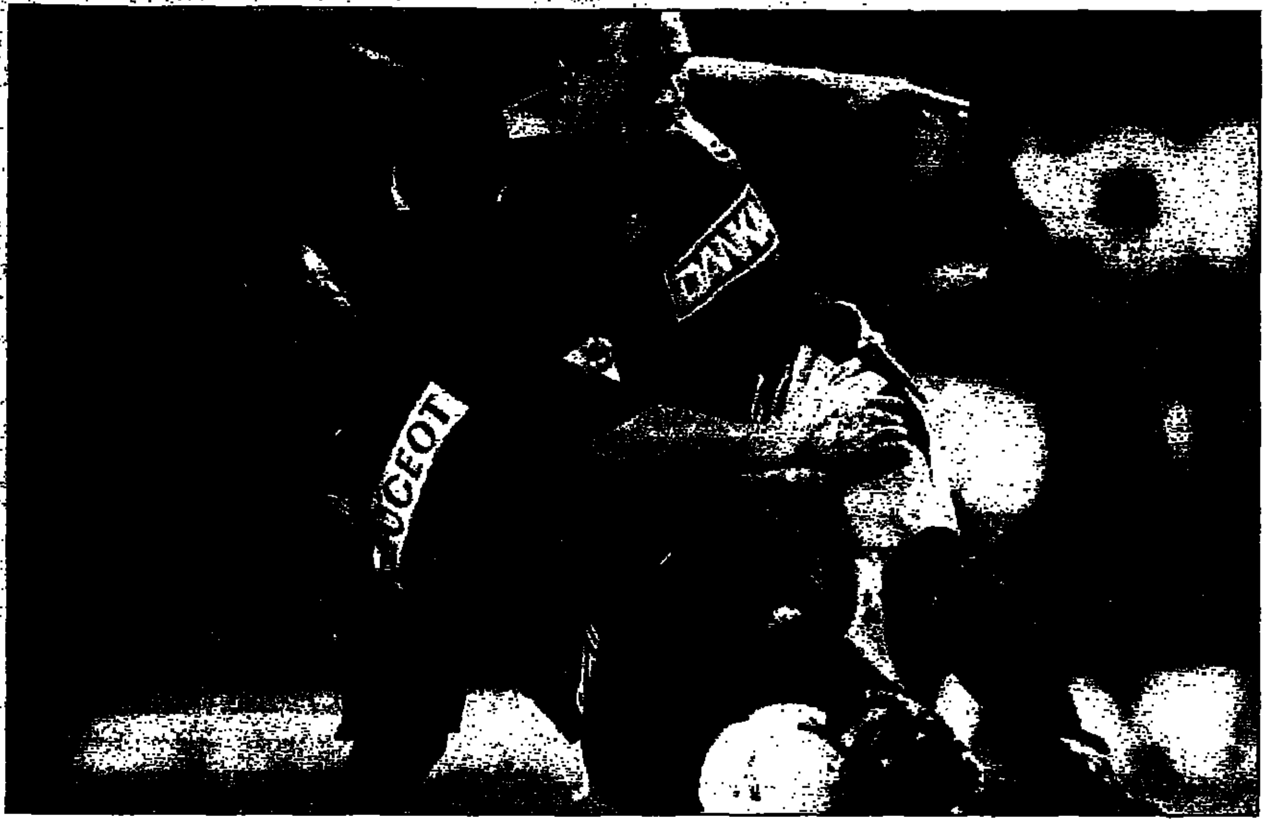
20101	S McKimmie	Aberdeen	2.00	0	+9
20201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	0	+21
20202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	0	+19
20203	S Morrow	Arsenal	1.00	0	+4
20301	S Staunton	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+10
20302	A Wright	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+19
20303	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+0
20304	P King	Aston Villa	0.25	0	+0
20305	F Nelson	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+13
20401	H Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	-2
20402	G Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	+3
20403	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	-2
20404	G Croft	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+2
20501	J McNamara	Celtic	3.00	0	+9
20502	T McKinlay	Celtic	3.00	0	+1
20601	D Petrescu	Chelsea	3.00	0	+5
20602	S Clarke	Chelsea	2.00	0	+3
20603	T Phelan	Chelsea	2.00	0	+0
20604	S Minto	Chelsea	1.00	0	+5
20701	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.50	0	-6
20703	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.00	0	-2
20704	M Hall	Coventry City	1.00	0	+4
20705	R Genaux	Coventry City	1.50	0	-2
20801	C Powell	Derby County	1.50	0	+5
20802	D Yates	Derby County	1.00	0	+2
20803	J Kavanagh	Derby County	0.25	0	+0
20804	P Parker	Derby County	1.00	0	+4
20901	M Malpas	Dundee United	1.00	0	+12
20902	M Perry	Dundee United	0.50	0	+6
20903	N Duffy	Dundee United	0.50	0	+0
21001	C Miller	Dunfermline	0.25	0	-6
21002	A Tod	Dunfermline	0.25	0	-5
21101	M Hottiger	Everton	2.50	0	+0
21102	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	2.00	0	+8
21103	E Barrett	Everton	1.50	0	+11
21104	M Jackson	Everton	1.00	0	+0
21201	G Locke	Hearts	2.00	0	+0
21202	N Pointon	Hearts	1.00	0	-5
21301	W Miller	Hibernian	1.00	0	+3
21302	A Dow	Hibernian	1.00	0	+8
21402	G MacPherson	Kilmarnock	0.50	0	-10
21501	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	0	+1
21502	A Dorigo	Leeds United	2.50	0	-1
21503	P Beesley	Leeds United	0.50	0	+1
21601	M Whitlow	Leicester City	0.50	0	+7
21602	S Grayson	Leicester City	0.50	0	+7
21603	N Lewis	Leicester City	0.50	0	+0
21604	F Rolling	Leicester City	0.25	0	+0
21701	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	0	+0
21702	S Harkness	Liverpool	1.50	0	+0
21703	S I Bjornebye	Liverpool	0.50	0	+14
21704	P Charnock	Liverpool	0.25	0	+0
21801	D Irwin	Manchester United	4.00	0	+13
21802	G Neville	Manchester United	3.00	0	+5
21803	P Neville	Manchester United	3.00	0	-4
21901	N Cox	Middlesbrough	2.50	0	-5
21903	C Morris	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	+0
21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	-5
22002	S McMillan	Motherwell	0.50	0	+2
22101	W Barton	Newcastle United	3.00	0	-1
22102	S Watson	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+10
22103	R Elliott	Newcastle United	2.50	0	+0
22104	J Beresford	Newcastle United	2.50	0	+7
22201	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.00	0	-1
22202	D Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	-6
22203	A I Haaland	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	+2
22204	N Jerkan	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+1
22301	P Bonar	Raith Rovers	0.75	0	-7
22302	D Kirkwood	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	-5
22401	D Robertson	Rangers	2.50	0	-1
22402	J Brown	Rangers	2.00	0	+0
22501	I Nolan	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+4
22502	P Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+8
22503	S Nicol	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	0	-5
22504	D Stefanovic	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	0	+2
22505	L Briscoe	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	+0
22601	J Dodd	Southampton	1.50	0	+4
22602	F Benali	Southampton	0.75	0	-6
22603	S Charlton	Southampton	0.75	0	+4
22701	D Kubicki	Sunderland	0.50	0	+12
22702	M Scott	Sunderland	0.50	0	+9
22703	G Hall	Sunderland	0.25	0	+0
22801	D Austin	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	+0
22802	C Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	+19
22803	J Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	+13
22804	D Kerslake	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	+0
22805	S Carr	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	+0
22901	J Dicks	West Ham United	4.00	0	+8
22902	T Breacker	West Ham United	1.00	0	+0
22903	K Rowland	West Ham United	1.00	0	-3
22904	M Bowen	West Ham United	1.00	0	+5
22905	K Brown	West Ham United	0.50	0	+0
23001	B Thatcher	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+9
23002	A Kimble	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+1
23003	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+10
23004	D Jupp	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+0
23006	C Perry	Wimbledon	0.25	0	+14



Nick Barmby moved to Everton to play regular first-team football. Will his move be worth an ITF gamble?

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30101	B Irvine	Aberdeen	2.00	0	+9
30102	C Woodthorpe	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-2
30201	A Adams	Arsenal	4.00	0	+15
30202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	0	+21
30203	M Keown	Arsenal	3.00	0	+21
30204	A Linighan	Arsenal	1.00	0	+9
30205	S Marshall	Arsenal	1.00	0	+0
30301	G Southgate	Aston Villa	3.50	0	+18
30302	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+20
30304	C Tiler	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+11
30305	R Scimeca	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+1
30401	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	0	+3
30402	I Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+0
30403	C Coleman	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	-3
30404	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0	+2
30501	T Boyd	Celtic	3.00	0	+13
30502	M MacKay	Celtic	1.50	0	+3
30503	A Stubbs	Celtic	3.50	0	+11
30601	M Duberry	Chelsea	2.50	0	-3
30602	F Leboeuf	Chelsea	2.50	0	+16
30603	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	0	+0
30604	D Lee	Chelsea	2.00	0	+3
30605	A Myers	Chelsea	1.50	0	+6
30606	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	0	+10
30607	J Kjeldbjerg	Chelsea	0.50	0	+0
30701	L Daish	Coventry City	2.00	0	+5
30702	R Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	0	+3
30703	D Busst	Coventry City	1.00	0	+0
30801	I Stimac	Derby County	2.50	0	-1
30802	D Wassall	Derby County	1.00	0	+0
30303	P McGrath	Derby County	2.50	0	+2
30803	J Laursen	Derby County	1.00	0	+7
30804	M Carbon	Derby County	0.50	0	+0
30901	S Pressley	Dundee United	1.00	0	+9
31001	M Millar	Dunfermline	0.75	0	-3
31002	I Den Bieman	Dunfermline	0.75	0	-7
31101	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	0	+11
31102	D Watson	Everton	2.50	0	+5
31103	C Short	Everton	2.00	-1	+11
31201	D McPherson	Hearts	1.00	0	+4
31202	P Ritchie	Hearts	1.00	0	+5
31301	J McLaughlin	Hibernian	0.50	0	-4
30902	B Welsh	Hibernian	0.75	0	+9
31302	G Hunter	Hibernian	0.50	0	+3
31401	M Reilly	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	-3
31402	R Montgomerie	Kilmarnock	0.75	0	-1
31501	D Wetherall	Leeds United	2.50	0	+7
31502	R Jobson	Leeds United	1.00	0	+2
31503	L Radebe	Leeds United	1.00	0	-2
31504	J Pemberton	Leeds United	0.50	0	+0
31601	S Walsh	Leicester City	1.00	0	+4
31602	J Watts	Leicester City	1.00	0	+12
31603	P Kamark	Leicester City	0.50	0	+0
31604	S Prior	Leicester City	1.00	0	+6
31701	P Babb	Liverpool	3.50	0	+10
31702	J Scales	Liverpool	3.50	0	+0
31703	M Wright	Liverpool	3.50	0	+9
31704	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.00	0	+0
31705	D Matteo	Liverpool	1.00	0	+10
31801	G Pallister	Manchester United	3.50	0	+3
31802	D May	Manchester United	3.00	0	+5
31803	R Johnsen	Manchester United	2.50	0	+9
31901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-9
31902	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-4
31903	D Whyte	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-9
31904	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	-4
32001	B Martin	Motherwell	1.50	0	+1
32002	M van der Gaag	Motherwell	0.75	0	+11
32101	P Albert	Newcastle United	4.50	0	+9
32102	S Howey	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+7
32103	D Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+12
32201	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	-5
32202	S Chettle	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	-1
32203	S Blatherwick	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	+0
32302	S Dennis	Raith Rovers	1.00	0	-15
32401	R Gough	Rangers	3.50	0	+21
32402	A McLaren	Rangers	3.00	0	+0
32403	J Bjorklund	Rangers	3.50	0	+12
32404	G Petric	Rangers	2.50	0	+6
32501	J Newsome	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	0	+2
32502	D Walker	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+5
32503	B Linighan	Sheffield Wednesday	0.25	0	+0
32601	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	0	-4
32602	A Neilson	Southampton	1.00	0	-1
32603	R Dryden	Southampton	0.50	0	+1
32604	C Lundekvam	Southampton	0.50	0	+1
32605	U van Gobbel	Southampton	1.50	0	-3
32701	A Melville	Sunderland	1.00	0	+12
32702	K Ball	Sunderland	1.00	0	+11
32703	R Ord	Sunderland	0.50	0	+12
32801	S Campbell	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	+18
32802	C Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	+16
32803	G Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	+0
32804	J Cundy	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	+0
32805	K Scott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	+0
32806	S Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	-3
32901	S Bilic	West Ham United	2.50	0	+4
32902	M Rieper	West Ham United	2.50	0	+3
32903	S Potts	West Ham United	2.00	0	-2
32904	R Hall	West Ham United	1.50	0	+0
32905	R Ferdinand	West Ham United	0.50	0	+0
33001	A Reeves	Wimbledon	1.00	0	+0
33003	A Pearce	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+0
33004	D Blackwell	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+2
33005	B McAllister	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+12

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40101	D Windass	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+11
40102	S Glass	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+7
40103	P Bernard	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+1
40104	I Kiriakov	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+10
40105	T Tzvetanov	Aberdeen	0.50	0	+12
40201	D Platt	Arsenal	4.50	0	+15
40202	P Merson	Arsenal	4.00	0	+25
40203	R Parlour	Arsenal	2.00	0	+9
40204	G Helder	Arsenal	1.50	0	+0
40205	I Selley	Arsenal	0.50	0	+0
40208	P Vieira	Arsenal	3.00	0	+10
40209	R Garde	Arsenal	2.00	0	+0
40301	M Draper	Aston Villa	4.00	0	+10
40302	A Townsend	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+17
40303	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+10
40304	G Farrelly	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+0
40306	S Curcic	Aston Villa	3.50	0	+12
40401	J Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	0	+10
40402	L Bohinen	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0	+11
40403	G Flitcroft	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+7
40404	W McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+1
40405	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+11
40406	P Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+3
40407	G Donis	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+14
40408	S Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	+5
40409	M Holmes	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0	+0
40501	P McStay	Celtic	3.00	0	+0
40502	A Thom	Celtic	2.50	0	+16
40503	S Donnelly	Celtic	2.50	0	+12
40504	P Grant	Celtic	1.50	0	+13
40505	P Di Canio	Celtic	3.00	0	+18
40601	R Gullit	Chelsea	3.50	0	+3
40602	D Wise	Chelsea	3.00	0	+13
40603	G Peacock	Chelsea	2.50	0	+0
40604	C Burley	Chelsea	2.00	0	+12
40605	E Newton	Chelsea	2.00	0	+2
40607	D Rocastle	Chelsea	0.50	0	+0
40608	R Di Matteo	Chelsea	3.00	0	+20
40609	J Morris	Chelsea	2.00	0	+0
40701	J Salako	Coventry City	2.50	+1	+17
41501	G McAllister	Coventry City	5.50	+3	+18
40702	E Jess	Coventry City	2.00	0	+7
40703	K Richardson	Coventry City	1.50	0	+10
40704	P Telfer	Coventry City	1.50	+1	+11
40705	P Williams	Coventry City	1.50	+1	+6
40706	M Isaias	Coventry City	0.50	0	+0
40707	W Boland	Coventry City	0.25	0	+0
40708	M O'Neill	Coventry City	1.50	0	+1
40801	A Asanovic	Derby County	2.00	0	+15
40802	P Simpson	Derby County	1.50	0	+2
40803	R van der Laan	Derby County	1.50	0	+2
40804	D Powell	Derby County	1.00	0	+11
40805	S Flynn	Derby County	0.75	0	+5
40807	G Rowett	Derby County	0.50	0	+11
40809	C Dailly	Derby County	1.50	0	+16
40901	G McSwegan	Dundee United	2.00	0	+15
40902	R Winters	Dundee United	1.50	0	+12
40903	G Johnson	Dundee United	1.00	0	+0
42303	J McInally	Dundee United	0.75	0	+4
40904	D Bowman	Dundee United	0.75	0	+7
40905	A Benneker	Dundee United	0.50	0	+2
41001	H French	Dunfermline	1.00	0	+12
41002	C Robertson	Dunfermline	1.00	0	+10
41003	A Smith	Dunfermline	0.75	0	+12
41004	D Fleming	Dunfermline	0.50	0	+10
41101	A Kanchelskis	Everton	7.00	+1	+17
41102	G Speed	Everton	4.00	+1	+17
41103	J Ebbrell	Everton	1.50	0	+6
41104	J Parkinson	Everton	1.50	+1	+13
41105	A Limpar	Everton	1.50	0	+1
41106	A Grant	Everton	0.50	0	+3
41107	V Samways	Everton	0.50	0	+0
41202	A McManus	Hearts	1.50	0	+4
41203	S Fulton	Hearts	1.00	0	+2
41301	K McAllister	Hibernian	1.50	0	+9
41302	P McGinlay	Hibernian	1.50	0	+6
41303	G Love	Hibernian	0.75	0	+0
41304	A Millen	Hibernian	0.50	0	+11
41305	I Cameron	Hibernian	0.75	0	+3
41401	A Mitchell	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	+9
41402	J McIntyre	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	+10
41403	M Skilling	Kilmarnock	0.75	0	+0
41404	J Lauchlan	Kilmarnock	0.50	0	+2
41502	L Bowyer	Leeds United	3.00	0	+10
41503	A Gray	Leeds United	2.50	0	+1
41504	C Palmer	Leeds United	2.00	0	+4
41505	R Wallace	Leeds United	1.50	0	+13
41805	L Sharpe	Leeds United	3.50	0	+19
41506	I Harte	Leeds United	1.00	0	+14
41507	M Ford	Leeds United	0.50	0	+13
41508	A Couzens	Leeds United	0.50	0	+8
41509	M Tinkler	Leeds United	0.50	0	+2
41601	N Lennon	Leicester City	2.00	0	+12
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NEWS

Minister blames his inexperience

■ David Willetts, the Paymaster General and a former government whip, last night blamed his inexperience for leading him into a position in which he had been accused of trying to smother an investigation into the Neil Hamilton cash-for-questions affair.

In a tense appearance before a televised hearing of the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee he denied that he had tried to influence the inquiry .... **Pages 1, 10, 19**

Duchess ready to move to US

■ *The Duchess of York said in an American television interview that she had been* "a headless chicken for 10 years" and that she "hung my own self with my rope" during her marriage to Prince Andrew. She added that she was ready to move to America with her children "like a shot" .... **Page 1**

Major veto

John Major issued his strongest warning yet that he would block future developments in Europe *until other countries agreed to his* demands to exempt Britain from a 48-hour week .... **Page 1**

Silence in court

A jury insisted on observing Armistice Day by holding two minutes' *silence* in court after a judge questioned whether it was right to interrupt a barrister summing up in a rape trial.......... **Pages 1, 8, 9**

Iron Chancellor

The Chancellor proclaimed himself "as keen as the Germans" on tough fiscal discipline and ridiculed claims that Britain was *about to yield budget sovereignty* to the EU....... **Pages 2, 27, 28, 30**

Fatal stabbing

Rachael Lean, 18, was stabbed to death in a country lane by a woman friend who had a sexual *interest in women*, Norwich Crown Court was told ......**Page 3**

Doctor sued

A sales executive who lost a new, highly paid job began a claim for damages against the company *doctor who concluded that he had* a drink problem ....**Page 5**

Women at risk

Pregnant women are in increased danger of being beaten by their husbands and boyfriends, according to research dividing midwives and obstetricians ....**Page 7**

War history

Families of those who served in the Great War are able to discover more about them now service records of ordinary soldiers in the conflict have been made available to the public ....**Page 8**

Judging the judges

The Lord Chancellor is to press *for tighter controls over the European* Court of Human Rights because of growing concern over the quality of judges from some *European countries*......... **Page 11**

Bulgaria braced

The new rich of Bulgaria lead a glamorous life of fashionable restaurants and weekends in Vienna. The other half is dreading the *worst winter* of bitter cold and hunger since 1920........... **Page 12**

German cuts

Helmut Kohl's governing coalition agreed DM3 billion (£1.2 billion) of extra public spending cuts *aimed at keeping Bonn on course* for EMU......................... **Page 13**

Zaire ultimatum

Zaire's rebel leader said he would end his unilateral ceasefire with Rwandan Hutu militia if they *continued to shell Goma with* mortars..................... **Pages 14, 19**

40,000 flee fighting

More than 40,000 people fled from renewed fighting between Taleban militiamen and the anti-*Taleban alliance in northwest* Afghanistan .... **Page 15**

Lady C bares all for Japan

■ The Japanese *will soon* be able *to read an* uncensored translation of *Lady Chatterley's Lover.* In 1950, the Japanese Supreme Court ordered about 80 pages of a complete translation of D. H. Lawrence's book to be deleted. The Japanese publishing house Shinchosa said the unexpurgated *edition would be available at the end of the month*..... **Page 13**

FIONA HANSON/PA

Traders on the Liffe futures exchange in the City of London observing the two minutes' silence at 11am yesterday. *Pages 1, 8, 9*

BUSINESS

Big order: British Aerospace has won a £1 billion contract to supply the Australian air force with Hawk training aircraft................**Page 27**

Departure: First Choice Holidays will pay £640,000 in compensation to Francis Baron, the chief executive who lost his job in a board*room coup*..........................**Page 27**

Economy: A surge in the cost of oil helped to push prices charged at the factory gate higher in October. *But* economists see little immediate threat of inflation feeding through to the High Street..............**Page 27**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 3.6 points to close at 3914.4. Sterling's *trade-weighted index* fell from 90.8 to 90.5 after a rise from $1.6455 to $1.6459 but a fall from DM2.4781 to DM2.4670 ... **Page 30**

SPORT

Boxing: Lennox Lewis, Britain's top heavyweight contender, who is due to meet Oliver McCall for the WBC title in January, could meet Evander Holyfield, the WBA champion, afterwards........**Page 52**

Tennis: For the first time since 1978 Britain has two men in the world top 50: Tim Henman is 27th and Greg Rusedski 48th .... **Page 50**

Cricket: England A, who seemed destined for defeat by South Australia, staged a *remarkable* recovery to win by 12 runs. Dean Headley, of Kent, had match figures of 11 wickets for 98..... **Page 50**

Rugby union: England's leading clubs *are to release* players *for* divisional matches, perhaps bringing closer an accord with the Rugby Football Union ....**Page 52**

ARTS

Fast track: Berlin's oldest railway station, the Hamburger Bahnhof, has been revived as an art gallery, housing the city's Museum of Contemporary Art .... **Page 44**

Girl no more: Lynn Redgrave is in London for the opening of her one-woman show, based on *reminiscences* of her career and her theatrical family................**Page 45**

Music man: Michael Tilson Thomas is back in London with the San *Francisco Symphony Orchestra* and the American repertoire on their European tour...........**Page 45**

History woman: Caryl Churchill has fun with Cromwell and the *Commonwealth in her sharp play* *Light Shining in Buckinghamshire*, now touring on its way to the Cottesloe .... **Page 46**

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Elusive genius: "I've got the most fun job around," says the unemo*tional Bill Gates, the king of* personal computers................ **Page 16**

Go forth and slaughter: What happens when you introduce two young bears into the wild hoping *that they will multiply?*...... **Page 16**

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Mutiny on a rowing boat: the film *True Blue* has great rowing footage and *decent* acting *but is* it a true story?.................................. **Page 17**

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Still in need: The 1989 Children Act is creating problems because of *delays in court decisions on* children's futures ....**Page 39**

Criminal justice: Should MPs be answerable to criminal law as well as Parliament when it come to bribery *and corruption?*..........**Page 39**

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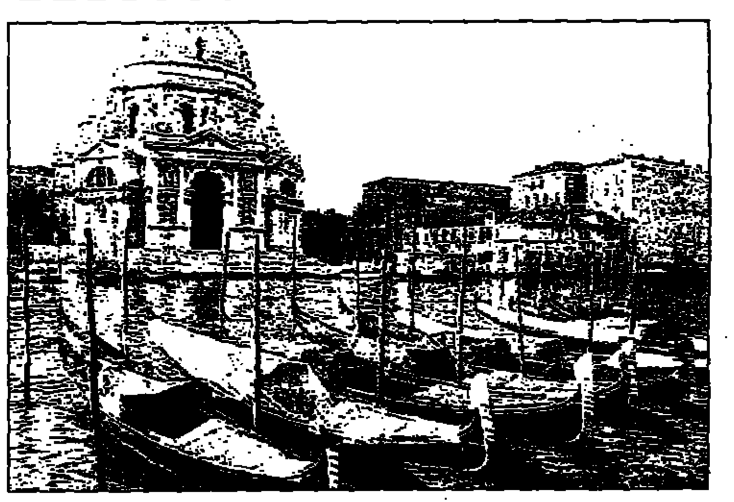
Relocation: Why overseas companies choose the UK as the country worth moving to ....**Page 34**

THE PAPERS

The *ulterior concerns* of *certain* Western governments can be seen behind the international mask of the UN Security Council debate on Zaire . . . *Most evident is the fear of* America, which is anxious to avoid consequences similar to its failure to pacify Somalia —*ABC*, Madrid



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ **HOLIDAY OFFER**

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■ **STYLE**

Walking tall: Grace Bradberry on the new high heels and *how to handle them*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Mark Lamarr hos quiz about pop. *Never Mind Buzzcocks* (BBC2, 10pm). Re Lynne Truss on an unreve *exposé* of Errol Flynn....... Pa

OPINION

The Willetts affair

If Parliamentary self-regulati to work, Chinese walls mu respected: between Govern and Parliament, and between ernment and party. Both appe have been breached ....Pa

The good neighbou

South Africa has accepted a ed, crisis management rol wards countries in its imme region — Angola, Lesotho, and zambique — but has rightly b at a wider one....................Pa

Spare the shamroc

Unionists should welcome ine, pragmatic, practical co-o tion with the Irish Republic. the Murphy's, Unionists shou be bitter ....Pa

COLUMNS

LIBBY PURVES

More than at any time sin war, there is a sense abroad the covered wagons must no drawn round in a circle a laager prepared by worried ci to hold back barbarism. It is ti decide whether we want hom uals inside that laager ......Pa

BRONWEN MADDOX

President Clinton sat with his ical consultant, the now-disg Dick Morris, ranking Ame presidents in order of grea According to biographer D Maraniss, they concluded th was then only in the third ran if re-elected could move up second..............................Pa

PETER RIDDELL

The Tories previously enjoyed lead on economic manage They are right to focus on issue, but are being over-opti in hoping that it will be enou save the election ....Pa

OBITUARIES

Marjorie Proops, agony **Walter Stern**, lecturer in eco *history at the LSE*............Pa

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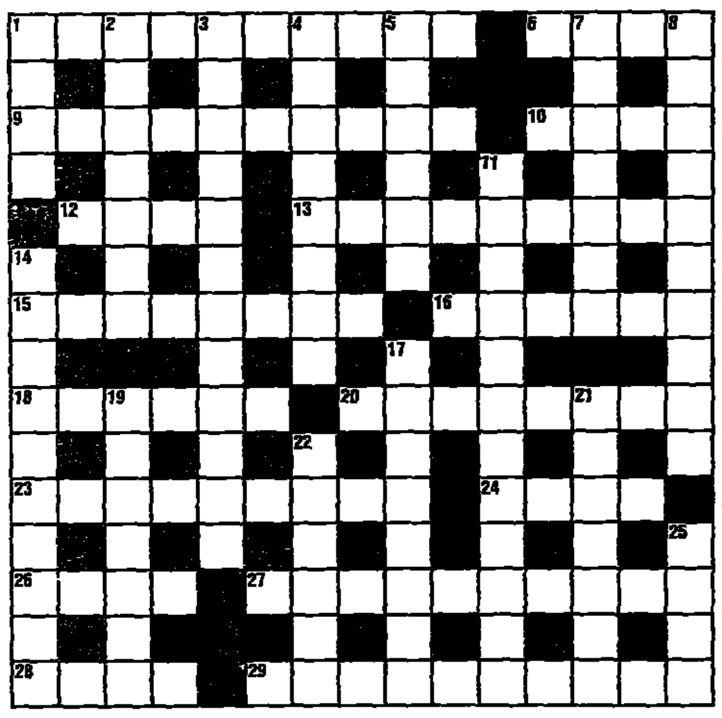

ACROSS

1 Four voices in combination that's noisy (10).
6 Drive down after parking one's first form of transport (4).
9 Cold food consumed like a baby (10).
10 9 claims the luggage (4).
12 Went over the hill (4).
13 Overtime pay for a barman (9).
15 Side-to-side movement by a footballer (8).
16 Sayings of modern times (6).
18 Good tip family got on consumer *protection* (6).
20 Exist *with next to nothing, being humble* (8).
23 Course leading clubs, *perhaps,* put on for training (9).
24 Country artist with an outstanding measure of intelligence (4).
26 Some power needed – what say you? (4).
27 Cook sent in more soup (10).
28 The average Pole or Frenchman? (4).
29 Tender name, possibly (10).

DOWN

1 Failing to do duty as deputy (4).
2 Bells taking an artist's fancy (7).
3 Bows and scrapes to obtain indica*tions of approval* (12).
4 Kept quiet (8).
5 Mounted appropriate support for the front (6).
7 Producer of rasher driving? (4,3).
8 Suspected water vapour caused corrosion (10).
11 Bred in sin, set out this indication of it? (4,8).
14 Those who do presumably won't *take defeat lying down* (5,2,3).
17 He appreciates the exquisite tea these blended (8).
19 Render first aid (7).
21 Plant with dry leaves removed from bed (3-4).
22 Footsore group of workers led by a *blockhead* (6).
25 Beat *the unbeatable?* (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,322

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: St Mary's, Isles of Scilly, 10C (50F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 2C (36F); highest rainfall: Newcastle upon Tyne, 0.46in; highest sunshine: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 7.8hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will be cloudy, *with the best of any* breaks in the West. Overnight rain, heavy at times, will spread from *the South* East. It will be windy, up to gale force locally, so frost should not be a major *problem.*

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have variable cloud with showers, wintry over the hills and most frequent in the north and east. Later, thicker cloud will spread into the far northwest of Scotland.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England:** becoming cloudy with rain overnight, heavy at times and lasting *much* of the day. *Wind* strong to gale force northeasterly. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **E England, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee:** variable cloud, a few showers *dying out later. Wind fresh to* strong northeasterly. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **W Midlands, Wales, Central N England, NW England, Lake District:** becoming cloudy but *staying mainly dry. Wind fresh to* strong northeasterly. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland:** variable cloud but dry. Wind fresh north to northeasterly. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** *a few showers for* a time, cloudier again later. Wind fresh to strong north or northeasterly. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **Outlook for Wednesday and Thursday:** becoming more settled with overnight fog and frost in sheltered hollows.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

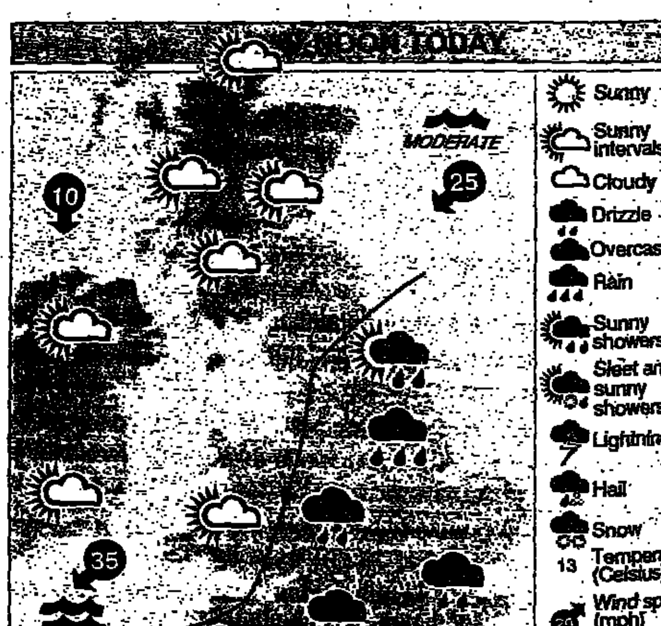
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.7	0.02	6	43	sh	Leuchars	3.5	0.27	7	45	r
Anglesey	5.1	0.01	9	48	sh	Littlehmptn	1.4	-	7	45	c
Aspatria	1.8	0.01	6	43	r	London	0.7	-	7	45	c
Aviemore	0.1	0.02	2	36	sn	Lowestoft	-	0.02	6	43	fg
Belfast	7.0	-	7	45	s	Manchester	1.9	0.01	8	46	f
Birmingham	1.5	0.01	8	46	sh	Margate	-	0.01	8	46	du
Bognor R	2.8	-	7	45	b	Minehead	0.1	0.01	7	45	c
Bournem'th	2.9	0.01	7	45	b	Morecambe	0.3	-	7	45	sh
Bristol	1.3	0.01	7	45	b	Newcastle	-	0.46	8	46	r
Buxton	1.0	0.06	5	41	c	Newquay	4.6	0.02	9	48	s
Cardiff	X					Norwich	0.1	0.01	8	46	c
Clacton	0.2	-	5	41	fg	Oxford	1.3	-	7	45	fg
Cromer	0.3	0.12	9	48	sh	Penzance	X	-	10	50	s
Dunbar	X					Poole	6.0	-	8	46	s
Eastbourne	0.2	0.01	7	45	c	Prestatyn	X	0.02	8	46	sh
Edinburgh	2.8	0.11	7	45	r	Ross-o-wye	0.3	0.01	7	45	sh
Eskdalemuir	3.8	0.19	5	41	r	Sandown	2.8	-	7	45	b
Exmouth	5.2	-	7	45	s	Saunton Snd	3.5	-	8	46	s
Falmouth	X	0.01	X	X	s	Scarboro'	-	0.11	9	48	c
Fishguard	0.4	0.01	7	45	c	Shrewsbury	2.5	0.01	7	45	r
Folkestone	-	-	7	45	c	Skegness	X				
Glasgow	5.5	0.01	7	45	s	Southend	-	-	6	43	du
Guernsey	-	0.29	10	50	sh	Southport	X				
Hastings	0.8	-	7	45	c	Southsea	X	-	7	45	c
Hayling I.	2.6	-	7	45	b	Stornoway	6.0	0.30	8	46	s
Herne Bay	-	-	7	45	du	Swanage	2.8	-	8	46	c
Hove	1.2	-	8	46	b	Teignmouth	5.3	-	8	46	s
Hunstanton	-	0.07	9	48	r	Tenby	3.2	-	7	45	b
Ilfracombe	X					Tiree	7.8	-	7	45	s
Isle of Man	6.5	0.01	8	46	s	Torquay	5.5	0.03	9	48	s
Jersey	1.3	0.01	9	49	r	Tynemouth	X				
Kinloss	0.9	0.12	6	43	sh	Ventnor	2.9	-	7	45	b
Leeds	1.3	0.01	7	45	sh	West-s-mare	1.0	-	7	45	c
Lerwick	4.7	0.06	7	45	sh	Weymouth	6.3	-	9	48	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	16	61	c	C'phagn	7	45	s	Majorca	20	68	f	Rome	18	64	f
Akrotiri	25	77	s	Dublin	6	43	s	Malaga	20	68	s	S Fr'sco	15	59	s
Alex'dria	24	75	s	Dubrovnik	17	63	f	Malta	21	70	s	S Paulo	32	90	f
Algiers	21	70	s	Faro	18	64	s	Melb'rne	13	55	f	Salzburg	7	45	f
Amst'dm	7	45	r	Florence	14	57	f	Mexico C	12	54	s	Santiago	13	55	s
Athens	X			Frankfurt	9	48	f	Miami	24	75	s	Seoul	16	61	s
B Aires	20	68	s	Funchal	21	70	s	Milan	10	50	r	Sing'por	31	88	t
Bahrain	26	79	s	Geneva	8	46	f	Montreal	5	41	f	St'kholm	-1	30	f
Bangkok	32	90	s	Gibraltar	19	66	f	Moscow	3	37	c	Strasb'rg	8	46	f
Barbados	27	81	r	Helsinki	4	39	r	Munich	8	46	s	Sydney	19	66	s
Barcelona	18	64	c	Hong K	26	79	f	N Delhi	26	79	s	Tangier	21	70	c
Beirut	25	77	s	Innsbrck	7	45	f	N York	8	46	s	Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Belgrade	15	59	s	Istanbul	15	59	s	Nairobi	27	81	f	Tenerife	24	75	s
Berlin	6	43	f	Jeddah	34	93	s	Naples	21	70	f	Tokyo	22	72	c
Biarritz	15	59	f	Jo'burg	X			Nice	14	57	c	Toronto	4	39	sn
Borde'x	11	52	r	Karachi	X			Oslo	-1	30	c	Tunis	23	73	s
Brussels	8	46	f	L Angels	29	84	s	Paris	8	46	r	Valencia	20	68	s
Budapst	10	50	f	L Palmas	23	73	f	Peking	11	52	c	Vanc'ver	8	46	fg
Cairo	27	81	s	Le Touquet	9	48	f	Perth	31	88	s	Venice	9	48	f
Cape Tn	X			Lisbon	17	63	c	Prague	8	46	f	Vienna	10	50	s
Ch'church	X			Locarno	8	46	d	Reykjavik	3	37	r	Warsaw	8	46	f
Chicago	-1	30	s	Luxembg	6	43	f	Rhodes	X			Wash'ton	9	48	c
Cologne	8	46	f	Luxor	33	91	s	Rio de J	34	93	f	Wel'ngton	11	52	f
Corfu	X			Madrid	15	59	f	Riyadh	25	77	s	Zurich	7	45	f

Temperatures at midday local time Sunday. X = not available

NOON TODAY



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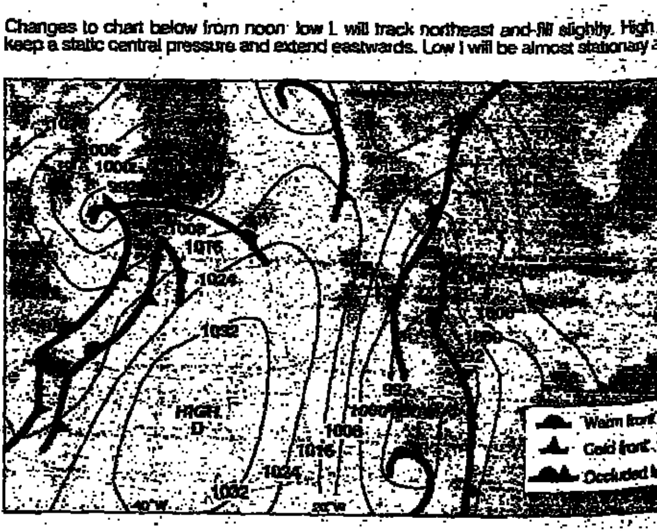

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2:06	7.2	2:24	7.2
Aberdeen	1:38	4.4	1:58	4.4
Avonmouth	7:37	13.2	7:57	13.2
Belfast	11:23	3.5	11:41	3.6
Cardiff	7:31	12.0	7:47	11.9
Devonport	6:15	5.5	6:33	5.4
Dover	11:17	6.8	11:36	6.8
Dublin (N Wall)	11:52	4.2	-	-
Falmouth	5:18	5.2	5:37	5.2
Greenock	0:38	3.5	1:10	3.5
Harwich	-	-	12:13	4.0
Holyhead	10:40	5.7	10:59	5.7
Hull (Albert D)	6:33	7.8	6:55	7.7
Ilfracombe	6:17	9.5	6:36	9.5
King's Lynn	6:35	6.8	6:55	6.9

TODAY	AM	HT	PM
Leith	2:53	5.7	3:12
Liverpool	11:39	9.4	11:57
Lowestoft	9:48	2.6	10:12
Margate	0:04	4.7	12:24
Milford Haven	6:31	7.1	6:50
Newquay	5:22	6.9	5:40
Oban	6:00	4.0	6:19
Penzance	4:52	5.6	5:10
Portland	7:14	2.2	7:32
Portsmouth	11:45	4.8	-
Shoreham	11:33	6.4	11:56
Southampton	11:05	4.5	11:28
Swansea	6:48	9.5	7:06
Tees	3:53	5.4	4:15
Walton-on-Naze			12:11

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.14 am
Sun sets: 4.15 pm
Moon sets: 5.38 pm
Moon rises: 8.20 am

London 4.15 pm to 7.16 am
Bristol 4.25 pm to 7.25 am
Edinburgh 4.10 pm to 7.46 am
Manchester 4.16 pm to 7.31 am
Penzance 4.41 pm to 7.32 am

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